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Greetings

In May 2021, a regime change occurred in Tamil Nadu. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) formed its Government for the sixth time. I identified my Government as 'Namathu Arasu – Our Government', not just as the administration of a party, but one that embodies the ideology of a race. I also coined the term 'Dravidian Model' to represent the ethos of this governance. The essence of this model lies in its core principles of social justice, equality, equity, state autonomy and linguistic rights.

Over the past three years, numerous major and minor schemes have been implemented across various sectors. These achievements have been compiled into a book consisting of more than 400 pages by the Tamil Nadu Information and Public Relations Department, on behalf of 'Tamilarasu' magazine. Instead of listing the full details of each project, they have been presented in a summarized form, as headlines. While reading through them, you can see the core tenets of the Dravidian ideology shining in every scheme.

This compilation of schemes we have implemented within the three years of our march on the path of 'Yellaarkum Yellaam' (Everything for Everyone), seems astounding even to me.

You will see that we have not only fulfilled 90 per cent of the promises made in our State election manifesto, but have also implemented several projects not mentioned in it.

In the special articles, we can see how beneficial every scheme has been for the people. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Vice Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Planning Commission,

Professor Jeyaranjan, Member of the Planning Commission Dr. N.Ezhilan, Literary Scholar S. Ramakrishnan, Professor Rajan Kurai, Advocate A. Arulmozhi, Education Consultant Jayaprakash Gandhi, Member of Marxist Communist Party's Executive Committee, Comrade Kanagaraj, and journalists Dilip Mandal, Sangeetha Kandavel, and T. Arul Ezhilan for contributing these special articles. These ten articles have provided a comprehensive view of our three-years governance.

I also appreciate the Hon'ble Minister of Information and Public Relations Department, Thiru M.P. Saminathan, for compiling and presenting these special articles and collections of schemes as a beautiful document.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, Dr. R.Vaithinathan, I.A.S., Tamilarasu Administrative Editor Thiru. R.Anna, and the editorial team, as well as the team behind this special issue.

Each new day brings a dawn of new projects, which is why this governance has come to be known as the 'Vidiyal Aatchi' (regime that brings a new dawn). The number of schemes may be in the thousands, but the number of beneficiaries is in the millions, safeguarding the lives of countless people. Many more schemes are set to roll out in the coming years. This compilation also serves as a source of inspiration for undertaking new initiatives.

To benefit the State, the journey of good governance continues into the fourth year.

Affectionately,

(M.K. Stalin)

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Gateway

"Only education, self-respect,
and rational thinking will uplift the downtrodden,"
-said Thanthai Periyar.

"Go to the people, live with them and serve them.
Draw up plans for the people,"
-said Perarignar Anna.

"Hard work is the seed of success, and sweat is the badge of achievement.
And your talent is the garland of victory around your neck",
-said Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

The leadership of our esteemed and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, whose compassion, intelligence and hard work have driven the creation and implementation of numerous new schemes for the poor and underprivileged, has compiled the many revolutionary schemes created in the past three years for the people of Tamil Nadu and is now presenting them to you as the publication, "Moondraandu Saathanai – Three-Year Achievement".

The Dravidian Model Government, which has rolled out unprecedented initiatives that have earned global recognition, has introduced a range of welfare schemes benefiting labourers, farmers, the poor, the middle class, women, differently-abled persons, youth and students. These include the Kalaignar's Magalir Urimai Thittam, the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast' Scheme, the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' Scheme, the 'Pudhumai Penn' Scheme, the 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme, the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme, and the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' Scheme. This publication has been created to present to you the three-year achievements of the Government led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, which created a favourable environment for the beneficiaries to live with happiness and satisfaction.

Tamilarasu Press has published the various welfare schemes implemented since the day the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assumed office. Tamilarasu Press has previously

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published various special editions, including the "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam – Nootraandin Thisaiyil Nooru Naatkal – Proud Tamil Nadu - 100 Days Towards a Century' publication, documenting the achievements of the first 100 days, the Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu as part of various programmes, the Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 and the 'Niraivana Valarchiyil Nilaiyana Payanam - Sustained Journey towards all-round growth …', a one-year achievements publication, the coffer of time book, 'Kadaikodi Thamizharin Kanavugalai Thaangi' - Fulfilling the Dreams of every Tamil', 'Dravidian Model Government as scholars and eminent personalities view it, and the Golden Words of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In addition, special editions released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu such as 1) Tamil Nadu Day July 18, 2) The Centenary of the Educational Revolution 3) V.O.C. 150th Birth Anniversary Special Issue, 4) Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue, 5) Ilakkiya Malar 2023, 6) Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle, 7) Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir 8) Journalist Kalaignar, and 38 other special editions have been efficiently prepared and taken to the public by the Tamilarasu press under the Department of Information and Public Relations.

The Tamilarasu monthly magazine, which had less than thirty thousand subscribers until 2021, has now, under the esteemed leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, increased its subscription to over one lakh and improved its quality and reach.

In this regard, on the occasion of the completion of three years of the Government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I kindly request all the people to read and benefit from this 'Three-Years Achievement' publication, produced by the Department of Information and Public Relations through Tamilarasu Press.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Affectionately,

22/5/24.

(M.P. Saminathan)

Siv Das Meena
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Words of Commendation

With the noble objective of bringing progress in the lives of the underprivileged and marginalized, the Government of Tamil Nadu has proficiently implemented many beneficial schemes. Over the past three years, it has continued to function as a great government, serving the people by introducing several policies aimed at inclusive development, social progress, industrial growth and public welfare.

It is of utmost importance to compile and preserve the announcements, the exceptional plans introduced, and the excellent methods employed to deliver them to the people.

Even as the revolutionary poet Bharathidasan sang, "This world is moving towards a time when there will be everything for everyone," the Government of Tamil Nadu, has created a golden era by implementing numerous welfare schemes over the past three years, which have now been compiled and presented as the "Three-Years Achievement" publication.

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to the officials of the Department of Information and Public Relations and that of Tamilarasu Press for compiling and publishing this achievement special issue.

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Foreword

With the vision of creating a prosperous and thriving Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has conceived and implemented unparalleled schemes across various sectors. Through these schemes, Tamil Nadu has risen to be recognized as a leading state in India, and I am extremely pleased to see the details of these remarkable achievements compiled into the 'Three-Years Achievement' publication, highlighting the success of the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's leadership.

"That is a country which is free from
Fierce famine, plague and the ravages of enemies."

–Thirukkural 734

In keeping with the words of the Kural, the welfare of the poor and underprivileged should be the primary goal of a government, and along with the state's economic prosperity, the individual's economic self-reliance must also grow. Our Tamil society must rise in thought, action, culture and traditions. With the noble vision of elevating Tamil society into a human rights-based community free from inequality, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has designed schemes that were effectively delivered to the people. He continues to find pleasure in witnessing the benefits that the people are receiving from these initiatives.

I congratulate the Department of Information and Public Relations officials for compiling and presenting the 'Three-Year Achievement' publication, which encapsulates the Hon'ble Chief Minister's successful schemes.

I urge all people to read and benefit from this 'Three-Years Achievement' publication without fail.

(V. Rajaraman)

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Editor's Word

It gives me immense pleasure to witness the publication of this 'Three Years Achievement' volume through Tamilarasu Press, by the Department of Information and Public Relations. This compilation highlights the achievements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government, which has implemented numerous schemes across all sectors to ensure the well-being of all people in Tamil Nadu and to demonstrate balanced growth over the past three years.

**"Among Kings he is the Light, who has
Bounty, justice, care and grace." –Thirukkural 390**

In keeping with the words of the renowned saint, Thiruvalluvar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has emerged as an unparalleled leader, safeguarding the people through countless welfare schemes that meet their needs and protect their welfare, and ensuring himself a permanent place in their hearts.

This Government, driven by the noble goal of benefiting the people in every corner of the State, has launched welfare schemes as vast as the ocean, which are admired across the country. It is commendable that the Department of Information and Public Relations has compiled the achievements of all sectors in this publication, which serves as a historical record of its great deeds.

I extend my appreciation and congratulations to all the officials of the Department of Information and Public Relations who have been wholeheartedly involved in compiling and presenting this 'Three-Years Achievement' publication, which will be remembered in the history of the future, on behalf of Tamil Nadu.

Affectionately,

(Dr. R. Vaithinathan)

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"There was a time when the people had to approach the Government (to fulfil their needs). Now, through our present Government, we have changed that and made it a time when the Government goes to the people".

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin

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Three Years Achievement

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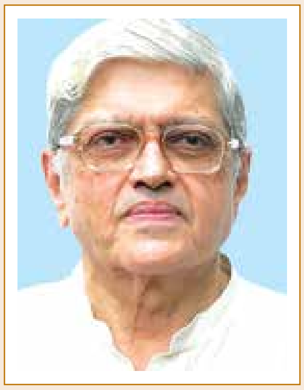
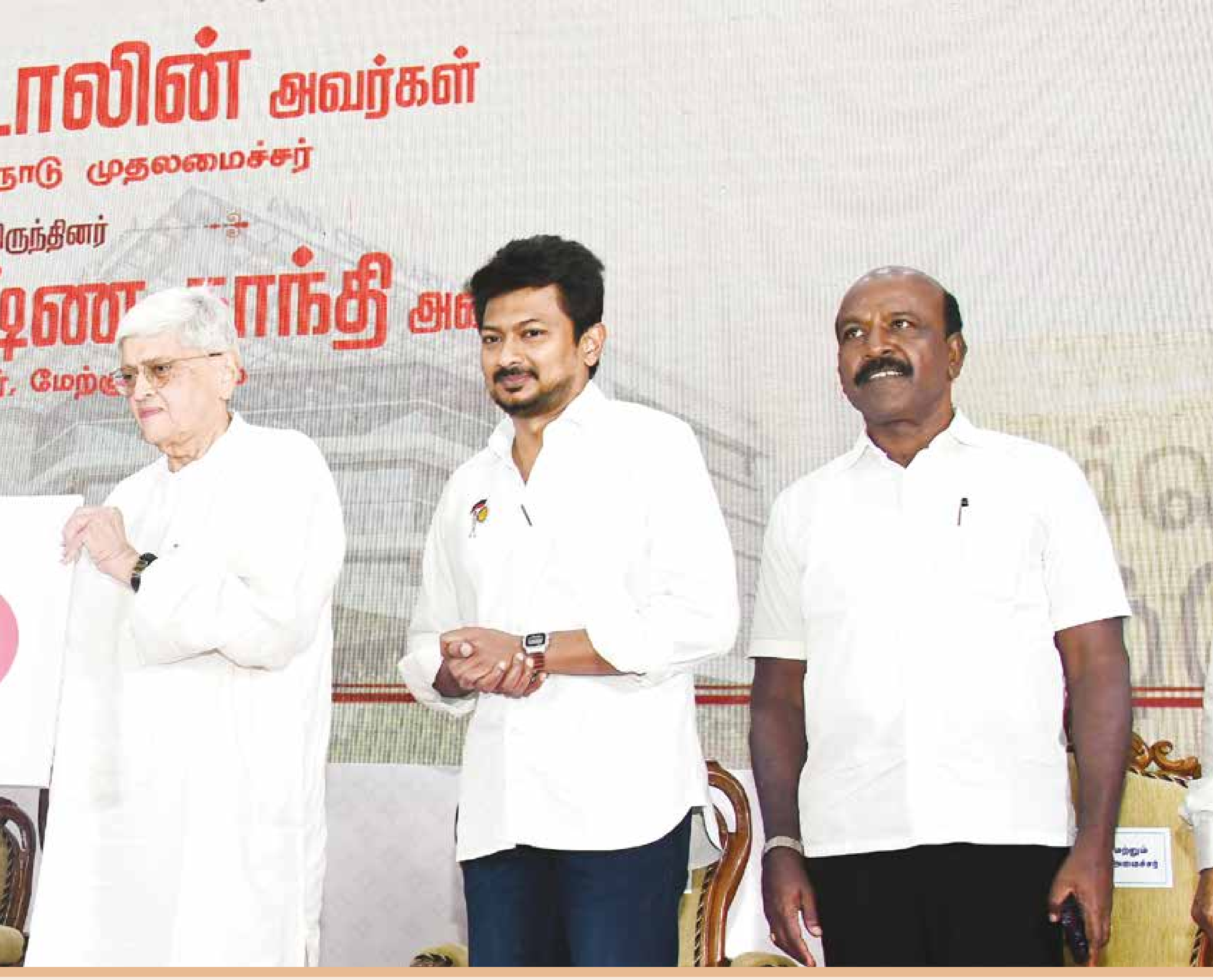
The welfare of Tamil Nadu has been confirmed!



Gopalkrishna Gandhi
Former Governor of West Bengal

Speech by Thiru. Gopalkrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, at the inaugural ceremony of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary Logo held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 02.06.2023:

Grandchildren have names. The task of saving that name is a very big one. I haven't tried that. I must mention that I came up with the name Gandhi by accident. Let no one think that I am indeed a Gandhian. I am just an ordinary citizen living in India.



M.K.Stalin, the son of our Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the Chief Minister of our Tamil Nadu, modest and dignified, sits like a medal on this occasion.

This Indian organization is a Government activity. Not a political activity. That's why I think our chief minister has looked at many lists, heard many ideas and called someone here who doesn't even know the basics of politics like me.

According to the Chief Secretary, Kalaignar was the Chief Minister when he joined the post. The present Chief Minister was 15 years old then. Today is Kalaignar's centenary. Now he is the Chief Minister. I feel honoured that the Chief Minister has invited me to participate in this function.

In public life, Kalaignar was a symbol of maturity. Here various police officers, officials in the Government administration and various high officials are participating in this function. In the administration of the Government, Kalaignar established moderation, balance, and a definition in everything, and set the criteria of

when to do and when not to do and carried out administrative work. How is that? Why? How did he get such composure?

Kalaignar was not only a skilled politician but also a great administrator. In that regard, I would like to say something to the younger generation of ministers here, especially to his grandson sitting on the stage. He was a politician who was also an accomplished administrator. Beyond that, he was also a diplomat. He was an outstanding diplomat. That diplomatic nature, as a daughter can know her father's nature. Daughters get to know mom and dad in their own special way. He was a great artist. An artist with managerial skills. What does it mean to be an artist? I will repeat what I said before. That is, scale, rationality, subtlety are what artist is all about. I must mention here that it is not possible for anyone here to understand it.

As an ordinary Indian citizen, I pray to that driving force that builds India's glory. May you get well in your public life. I would like to conclude my speech with a few more words. I request the Chief Minister to give me 5 minutes for that. Votes given by the people are for the performance of duty and not for making power a showpiece. Every second in power should be thought of as sacred time.

I will say one more thing in connection with what I have already said. They said I am a former governor. I am a former officer. I know only one thing about politics. That means there are two types of politicians. Those who think and speak. Those who think after speaking. I don't have any such crises. But here we have to say about corruption which is a disease in public life. Corruption is corruption. Action should be taken regardless of who did it.

Likewise, violence is violence. Whoever is involved in it, appropriate action should be taken against them. One is terrorism. Another is against women. The third is against children.

Action should be taken to suppress these three without showing any discrimination. That is Kalaignar-directed management protocol. Today's Chief Minister is also following that governance protocol and is running today's Government.

The Political system is our guiding light. However, sometimes it gets closed. For example, from 1975 to 1977. During those times, the system flutters and creeps. Suffocating. But we must be sure that the lamp lit by our Constituent Assembly is an eternal lamp. It is an eternal lamp. Our Chief Minister knows that very well. Because that tradition is in his blood. India lives up to that tradition with the support of its impartial judiciary, excellent administrators, conscious opposition and vigilant public support.

Tamil Nadu has progressed in terms of an impartial judiciary, excellent administrators and conscious opposition parties. In this way the Kalaignar is a distinguished example. He is a carefree leader. The values of duty, dignity and restraint are very important to him. Thus when I mention here the great leader Kamaraj, before him Omandurar and Rajaji, I must also mention Kalaignar who honoured them.

Our Chief Minister is an ambitious man. He also gives due respect and importance to opposition parties. In that way, the opposition parties should only be alternative in terms of views. Thoughts and comments should not convey hurtful connotations. I present this as my opinion not only to the opposition in Tamil Nadu but to all opposition parties in India. Our Tamil Nadu is fortunate to have good administrators and police officers. Dear Chief Minister, the welfare of Tamil Nadu has been ensured under your leadership.

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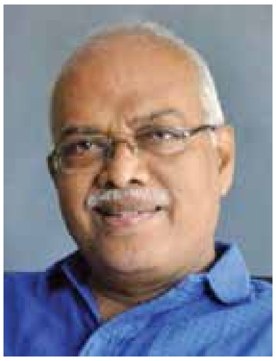
Vidiyal Payanam: A Social Justice Scheme



J. Jeyaranjan
Vice Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Planning Commission

We know that our Hon'ble Chief Minister is constantly writing and speaking that this is the Dravidian model government. If we examine the programs implemented by this Government in the last three years, the nature of development politics behind this rhetoric of the Chief Minister will be clear.

The centenary journey of the Dravidian movement is a journey for equality. The way our Indian society is structured is a stratified system that is completely unequal. The system of society that prevailed here is a great misery where those at the top enjoy all the benefits without any responsibilities, and those at the bottom bear all the responsibilities without getting any benefits. The Dravidian movement emerged to oppose and change this injustice. Today's Tamil Nadu

Free Bus Travel for Women scheme was announced on 07.05.2021

The number of women who travel free of cost every day is **37.41 lakh** (Approximately)

Free travels till May 2024

Tamil Nadu Government's

Free Bus Travel Scheme

Women | Transgender | Differently-Abled persons

Including Differently-abled persons and transgender persons

Of the total number of passengers, the number of women travelling (in percentage) is **65%**

Women have availed **445 crore** free trips on Government buses

government, as the political successor of this movement, is implementing many new programs with the same social justice vision. Human emancipation has been the aim of this century journey since this movement. Even now that is the basic political function.

Many narrowly understand the political act of social justice as reservation in education and employment. In the politics of social justice for political equality, all schemes to address inequality in whatever way it operates are schemes of social justice.

We pointed out that the Indian social structure is anti-egalitarian. One aspect of it is the unequal treatment of women through gender discrimination. The ‘Vidiyal Payanam’ scheme implemented by our government, which works with social justice politics as its lifeblood, is a scheme to create equality between men and women. Although there are almost equal numbers of men and women, the number of women participating in education and

employment has been very low, but there has been some progress now. If women from all sections of society want freedom of travel, 'Vidiyal Payanam' will make it happen. The 'Vidiyal Payanam' scheme was born out of the social justice vision that the cost of travel should not be a barrier for women to leave home to study abroad, become self-employed, and seek gainful employment. Millions of women have made millions of trips and increased their contribution to social/economic activities. Through this new openings become possible. This scheme will to some extent remove the existing inequality between men/women. The 'Vidiyal Payanam' scheme is definitely a milestone in the social justice journey of the Dravidian movement.

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The Dravidian Model:
Philosophy and Uniqueness

Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan
Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly
Member of Tamil Nadu Planning Commission

It has been three years since the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu took charge of the Government after meeting the people and receiving their support with the slogan 'Let's save the dignity of Tamil'.

As an example of a people's welfare regime, the first three years of the 'Dravidian Model' Government have left a strong imprint on history.

On the basis of the manual published by the Reserve Bank of India in the fiscal year 2022-2023 on various factors including the finances of the states, and on the basis of the budgets of Tamil Nadu, it is clear that Tamil Nadu's growth in the three years after 2021 is higher than it has been in the previous 10 years.

For example, Tamil Nadu's total state GDP for 2017-2018 (14.65 lakh crore), 2020-2021 (17.8 lakh crore), 2021-2022 (20.71 lakh crore), 2022-2023 (23.46 lakh crore). This means that in the four years from 2017 to 2021, the production level of the state has increased only by 3.23 lakh crore. But in the Dravidian model Government, we have achieved the same amount of growth in just two years.

Some may think that this variation is due to the economic slowdown due to Corona. But the average growth rate of Tamil Nadu was only 5.87% from the beginning of FY 2011-2012 and till the lockdown due to the covid pandemic; after covid the average growth rate in the Dravidian model Government has gone up to 8%.

Statistics show that the growth of Tamil Nadu has been more than the growth of India as a whole during the same period.

Similarly, inflation based on price rise was worse at 6.16% nationally and 7.52% in Tamil Nadu in FY 2020-2021. Currently, the national level inflation in FY 2022-2023 is 6.65%, which is lower than the national average of 5.96% in Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has ensured balanced development in all sectors including manufacturing, service, construction, agriculture in three years.

Development and resources are not concentrated in the hands of a few, but the people of Tamil Nadu have been given a share in the development and the results of the development have been shared with them through various schemes.

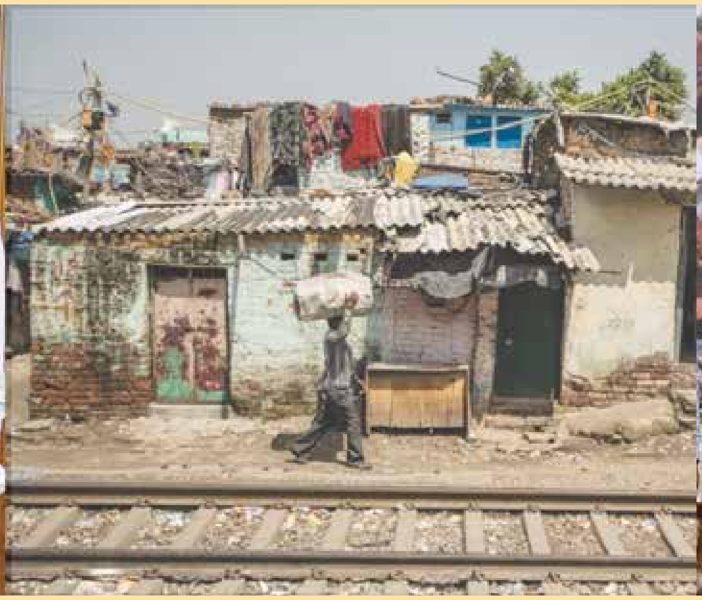
Higher growth rates and lower inflation did not happen automatically. On the contrary, they are the result of the serious plans of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

For example, the 'Vidiyal Payanam' scheme provides free bus service for women.

Since the launch of the scheme in July 2021 till 18 March 2024, approximately 440 crore trips have been taken. In FY 2023-2024, the number of trips, especially by women, has increased from an average of 45 lakh women per day to 51 lakh. Tamil Nadu women save an average of 800 to 1,000 rupees every month through this scheme.

The world has been talking about minimum income guarantee scheme for centuries. Various experiments have been carried out in many regions regarding their possibilities. To top it all off, the 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam' is being successfully implemented as a major financial aid scheme. About 1,07,00,000 families are being benefited by Rs.1,000 per month directly. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has successfully implemented the project which was said to be impossible and will never happen, and he has created a positive social pressure for other states in India to follow.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has brought financial assistance and resources to the people who have not been given a share in the resources, through the Government's schemes



like Pudhumai Penn, Tamil Puthalvan and Thayumanavar.

At a time when household savings across India have plunged to an all-time low of Rs .9 lakh crore in three years, several direct financing schemes are being implemented here to create a savings-friendly environment.

The above schemes have played a role in controlling inflation in Tamil Nadu. These are schemes that will boost the family economy of Tamil Nadu in the long run.

As the next level of development, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has created a strong framework in three years to democratize and simplify all Government schemes and bring them to the people.

A very good example of this is the ‘Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam’. The scheme was organized under the leadership of Hon’ble Minister of Youth Welfare & Sports Development and Special Programme Implementation under the guidance of Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. All levels were organized smoothly to the extent that beneficiaries of the scheme only had to approach the Government once to submit an application and the amount was transferred to their bank account. From a simple certificate to availing various Government services, the situation has now changed when people used to wander to Government offices for days; the schemes have been simplified to the extent that now they need to approach the Government offices only to submit the application.

The Dravidian model, which started with knowledge through Illam Thedi Kalvi, health care through Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, and economy through direct financial aid schemes, is now doing something beyond the dream that the governance coming to the homes through the Makkaludan Mudhalvar scheme.

The Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme was introduced to control the increasing number of infections resulting from lifestyle changes. This scheme was launched with 10,969 women

health volunteers, 4,848 health workers, and 2,448 multidisciplinary health workers. The scheme is designed to provide door-to-door healthcare services to people above 45 years of age.

1,00,72,000 users have benefited from this scheme as per the January 2024 calculation. 73.6% of them had taken diabetes tests and blood pressure tests for the first time in their life. In Tamil Nadu, which has a strong health infrastructure in all regions, this scheme aims to detect and treat non-infectious diseases at an early stage by providing home-based health services, thereby reducing the need and cost of tertiary care.

This scheme is the largest investment in the health of Tamil Nadu, the health of the people of Tamil Nadu and the health expenditure of Tamil Nadu.

All these were not completed by taking over the Government in some golden age. On the contrary, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu completed it at a time when the economy and socio-political environment were in crisis and facing decline. When he took over as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, he only faced challenges like the deadly Corona disaster, three major calamities, and an unprecedented crisis in the Union Government's financial distribution. He has turned everything into positives and as a result of his hard work, decisive projects and vision, he has moved Tamil Nadu to the path of development and the people of Tamil Nadu to a socially secure environment.

Manu Dharma is based on rituals and unquestioned pre-determined structures. As a people's movement against Manu Dharma, the Dravidian Movement provided a way to pose questions and engage in data based politics. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is providing data based governance not only in its historical continuation but also as a pinnacle in the history.

Social justice is central to Dravidian politics in Tamil Nadu. Our Chief Minister

raised his voice in the Parliament, filed a case in the court and ensured social justice throughout India in the context of the denial of reservation to other backward communities in the All India scheme for medical education. As a result, he is currently making an effort to unify the politics of Tamil Nadu to the whole of India in terms of policy and schemes.

The 'Dravidian Model' has become inevitable in Indian politics. A new rule is being created that populist politics is to follow the Dravidian model. Starting with the morning meal scheme, the free bus travel scheme for women, the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam, huge investments in the industry, Naan Mudhalvan scheme – a huge investment in the knowledge of the youth of Tamil Nadu, are being followed by other states in India.

It has been the nature of Dravidian political leaders to outdo their predecessors and aim to serve the people. In that way, through continuous work and schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has reached a place where he can surpass the previous leaders of Tamil Nadu. Three years of rule is a witness to that.

The word Dravidian has meant different things in each period, be it race, language or politics. During our Chief Minister's time, the 'Dravidian Model' was used to represent the lifestyle of the people and the formula for Government administration.

On the other hand, the Dravidian model Government is protecting the honour of Tamil Nadu by confronting and defeating various politics that are a form of Manu Dharma. Above all, our Chief Minister has made Tamil Nadu a golden age of politics. Tamil Nadu's past history has seen major projects shelved and completed projects go to waste due to political vandalism. But it is our Chief Minister who touched the height of cultured politics by ordering to give already printed book bags to school students saying that it is okay to have a picture of the

former Chief Minister and that people's tax money should not be wasted.

This Government is carrying out various welfare works for the empowerment of marginalized people. This Government is making various investments in Tamil Nadu Government schools structurally and functionally to ensure higher education opportunities for Government school students for the benefit of tribal, scheduled, most backward and backward people.

Apart from celebrating Dr. Ambedkar's birthday as Equality Day, a special entrepreneurship program for scheduled and tribal entrepreneurs is being implemented under the name of 'Annal Ambedkar Thozhil Munnodigal Thittam'. As a result of such efforts, Tamil Nadu has the largest number of scheduled caste entrepreneurs in the country.

The Government, which is implementing various schemes for the empowerment of women, has taken a serious decision that the flats of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board will be given only in the name of women.

As a man of few words but a man of action, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is carving the politics of Tamil Nadu with the best qualities and the development of Tamil Nadu.

Its initial stage was based on the three-year Dravidian model rule. Tamil Nadu's philosophy of social justice, the slogan of statehood and the principle of equality that empowers marginalized people have been taken to India and have laid the foundations for making it the politics of India.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has carved Tamil Nadu as the leader who will advance the social justice and statehood of Indian politics in the future.

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Intellectual Identities

Writer
S. Ramakrishnan

The Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Stalin's Dravidian Model Government has been implementing various special programs in the past three years. Especially the programs implemented for the education and development of the Tamil language and literature are unparalleled.

The Chief Minister's breakfast scheme, which provides nutritious breakfast to primary school students studying from classes I to V, is a role model in India. Worthy of pride. History will tell that Government of Tamil Nadu became the guide when this scheme is implemented in other states of India in future.

District-wise book festivals, literary festivals, an international bookfair, dream house for writers, Ilakkiya Mamani Award, Maberum Tamil Kanavu scheme in every college, Muthamizharignar translation project, new procurement policy for libraries, Naan Mudhalvan scheme to improve the skills of the youth are the achievements of the Government of Tamil Nadu, I would say.

In no other state of India does the government organize district-wise book fairs as it is done in Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has turned the book fairs into a huge cultural movement. Through this the publishing industry has grown and the number of readers has also increased manifold.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is organizing and conducting an international book fair to promote Tamil literature internationally. In the last two years more than a thousand Tamil books have been contracted to be translated into Indian and foreign languages. Never in the history of Tamil Nadu has such an event happened.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has fulfilled the long-standing dream of writers by implementing the Dream House scheme to provide homes to Tamil writers who have received high awards such as Sahitya Akademi Award, Gnanapith, Semmozhi Award.

On the occasion of the death of writer Ki.Rajanarayanan, who was the father of

Karisal literature, tributes were paid to him by the government and a huge memorial hall was built for him in Kovilpatti. I consider this to be a sign of the government's affection for Tamil writers.

The Anna Centenary Library in Chennai and the Kalaignar Centenary Library in Madurai have been set up as a repository of knowledge of Tamil Nadu.

The Kalaignar Centenary Library, newly opened in Madurai last year, is spread over 3.56 acres and has six floors. It contains more than five lakh books.

A library is not just a place where books can be found. It should develop the personality of students and youth, they should win competitive examinations and get job opportunities, engage in literary endeavours like story, poetry, drama, and act as an intellectual centre where everyone can learn about Tamil culture and history.

The Kalaignar Centenary Library is functioning as an embodiment of this idea. I would say that it is a proud achievement of the government to make this library a temple of knowledge for the people of Southern Tamil Nadu.

The antiquity and civilization of the Tamils have seen a new peak through underground excavations at Keeladi. Buildings, corals and pottery found here provide basic evidence of urban civilization in Tamil Nadu. It is an achievement of the Government of Tamil Nadu to set up the Keeladi Museum to protect the rare objects found in this excavation.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking various new initiatives like teaching Tamil online to Tamils living all over the world, digitizing Tamil books, magazines and rare documents, improving Tamil computing, and exploring artificial intelligence. As a part of that, recently the International KaniTamil Conference has been successfully organized. It's a great achievement.

In no other language of India has such an attempt been made. The Government of Tamil Nadu has implemented a scheme that no other state has ever implemented.

Success isn't a goal, it's a journey. Ingersoll said the journey must go on. It is true that the activities of the Government of Tamil Nadu will be towards new development, new dreams and new heights in every sector.

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Major Achievements in Three Years Period

Professor
Rajan Kurai

The functions of a government include economic development, infrastructural development, development of industrial and agricultural sectors, and maintenance of law and order. People who watch television and read newspapers every day know that during the three-year rule of Chief Minister Stalin, there will be various efforts, improvements and achievements to be highlighted in every field. In this article of mine, I would like to focus only on education and culture-related works. Because education and cultural enrichment are vital to the long-term development and socio-psychological health of a society.

The biggest breakthrough and historical achievement when it comes to the education of ordinary people is the breakfast scheme in government schools. It was a plan that anyone would normally hesitate to implement. Because once started, it cannot be stopped. It is no exaggeration to say that it is a dream project that requires detailed planning, continuous costing and administrative discipline. A ruler cannot dare to carry out such a grand scheme unless he has great willpower and confidence in his leadership skills. The fact that Chief Minister Stalin has implemented this is a great achievement.

The implementation of this scheme is not about feeding people for free. What we need to note is that it assumes the importance of education. Medical experts continue to explain that children's health and protein intake are directly related to their learning ability. We must keep in mind that ensuring breakfast and lunch for school children is to improve their learning potential. It is the biggest investment

we are making for the future of society. History will definitely record the Chief Minister who implemented this with determination in golden letters.

In India, Tamil Nadu has the highest proportion of those who have completed schooling getting higher education. However, in order to further increase this, the Chief Minister announced a scheme of Rs.1,000 monthly scholarships for girls who have studied in government schools and go to colleges for higher education. If we compare this scheme with the decadent scheme of giving gold for mangalyam, which assumed that women were the ones going to the marriage market, then we can see how progressive this scheme of sending girls to college is. Now they have extended the scheme to male students as well. Needless to say, this will be a huge boost for students from ordinary backgrounds going to college. Because not only are they studying without earning money, but they are more likely to go to college motivated when they are less dependent on their parents for their expenses.

Apart from such schemes, the Government of Tamil Nadu is also implementing an innovative scheme called 'Naan Mudhalvan'. Through this scheme the students' skills are identified and various skill development trainings are provided. The number of students getting job opportunities through this program has started to increase. It can be seen that various initiatives are being taken under this scheme. For example, residential training is given to 1,000 students for six months to write exams for joining banking, railway and government jobs. On the other hand, twenty-

five engineering and science students are going to London Durham University for a one-week skill development training. They are already trained in this program and have been selected for the special training camp.

Along with education, cultural activities are carried out; Libraries are being upgraded. In Madurai, the Kalaignar Centenary Library has been specially constructed and operational in a short period of time. Chennai Library Committee conducts various training camps for college students. With the appointment of poet Manushyaputran as the director of the Committee, many such new initiatives are taking place to improve the skills of the students.

Book Fairs are organized in every district. Efforts to bring books to the masses are widespread. Protocols for the purchase of books for libraries are well laid down. Apart from this, zone-wise literary festivals are held in Tamil Nadu through the Department of School Education and Public Libraries. Short story competitions are also conducted for the public. Various competitions are also conducted for students.

Leading writers are offered houses through the Dream House scheme. When the famous veteran writer Ki. Rajanarayanan passed away, he was cremated with state honours. Such recognition of leading authors enhances cultural values. The Dravidian movement is an intellectual movement. It was a movement carved out of the literary and thoughtful expressions of many dynamic writers like Arignar Anna, Kalaignar Karunanidhi, etc. That rich heritage and the proliferation of educational and intellectual activities under Chief Minister Stalin is a commendable outcomes.

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Chief Minister with Strong Will

Advocate
A.Arulmozhi

The DMK Government was sworn in on the 7th May 2021 under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin who has long political experience. Today, the young generation and growing children of Tamil Nadu are progressing towards a better future due to the dream projects of the Chief Minister in these three years.

Through educational, employment, economic, health, and rights programs for women, the Government has achieved great success in breaking stereotypes created by the patriarchal society of the 'weaker sex' and making them feel empowered.

DMK Government's achievements for women's rights have deep philosophical and historical background. A Woman is a human being just like a man. She was not created as a handmaiden to man. Thanthai Periyar said that whatever rights a man has are also the rights of a woman. The struggles for women's rights that he started with the 'Self-respect' movement became the foundation of social change. Similarly, the first seed for women's legal rights was the passage of the Suffrage Act in 1920 by the Justice Party regime.

The three-year achievements of the DMK regime under the leadership of Chief Minister M.K.Stalin have shown that the 'Dravidian Model' is the complete dimension of the principles of 'Self-respect and Social Justice'.

Since 1925, Thanthai Periyar has been writing about women's rights to be implemented by the Government in the magazine 'KudiArasu'. They took the form of a draft law and became the resolutions of the first State Conference of the

Self-respect Movement held in 1929. They were propagated across the nation.

Each time the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam formed a Government, the Chengalpattu Self-Respect Conference resolutions were enacted into law one by one. The 30% reservation in employment law and the Hindu Succession Amendment Act of 1989, which gave women equal rights to inherit property, remain reminders of that history.

The women's rights schemes implemented by Chief Minister M.K.Stalin are something that even many developed countries have not tried to implement. Not trying doesn't mean it's impossible. It takes determination and effort to put it into practice. Only our 'strong will' Chief Minister was able to achieve it.

No fare for bus travel, Rs. 1,000 per month allowance for women's domestic work, Rs.1,000 per month incentive for Government school students studying in college, 'Thozhi Viduthi' for the safety of women, Self Help Groups, economic assistance through banks for women Entrepreneurs and countless other schemes. A three-year reign embraces like the expanding wings of a mother bird. It ensures social security and development for women.

'All this for free? With our tax money?' — some people spoke with viciousnessly. Our Chief Minister made them understand that 'They are rights, not freebies'. He made it clear that everyone is a citizen who is taxed directly and indirectly on every item bought. Our Chief Minister shows by his actions that

good Government is not only for the needs of the rich but it is for all the people.

To understand this clearly, one should read the Declaration of All Nations for the Equality of Life of Women passed by the UN in 1979.

Discrimination against women exists worldwide. The report, which was fulfilled by the initiative that the Governments of the respective countries should come forward to eliminate them, was called 'The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women'.

Most of the countries accepted and signed this declaration in 1982. The Union Government of India signed the Declaration only in 1993.

It is worth noting that all the elements of the 1979 Declaration were a recast of the Self-respect Conference Resolutions of 1929.

The 'State Parties' who signed the Women's Rights Declaration promised to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women's freedom, development and socio-economic rights in all fields including society, religion, culture, language, law and justice. All the countries, including the Government of India, have taken responsibility for enacting laws and making plans for them. The concern and effort to fulfil that responsibility is evolving in the Tamil Nadu Government's women's rights programs. The proof of that is the welfare schemes and laws implemented by Tamil Nadu starting in 2021 and continuing till today.

As a continuation of that development, action plans are being implemented to incorporate all categories of people such as transgender and differently-abled people into

the Government system. The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's decision to appoint Narthaki Nataraj, a transgender, as a member of the Tamil Nadu Government's State Planning Commission, was a result of the Dravidian movement's vision.

The education sector is making admirable progress as is the welfare of women.

In developed countries, Government schools are at the forefront of education. Public schools are the pride. But, this is not the case in India. In Tamil Nadu too, it is the economically weak people who send their children to Government schools and colleges. The students studying there have been given various welfare schemes and incentive assistance since the time when Kalaignar was the Chief Minister. However, whenever they see children studying in private schools, it is natural for parents of Government school children to long that their children is not getting such clothes, environment, opportunity for higher education and English education. In this three-year rule, great changes have been made in the educational environment of Government school children to solve the longing of the parents.

With the new luster and structure of the Government schools and the hard work of the teachers, many parents have come forward to enroll their children in the Government schools. And, that the Government schools have come first in school enrollment is a proud achievement of the three-year regime.

In 2010, Kalaignar implemented an order to provide 20% reservation in all Government jobs to those educated through Tamil medium up to higher education.

Following this, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin ordered 7.5% seat reservation in higher education institutions including medical

colleges and engineering colleges in the third month of the Government formation in 2021.

The Government of Tamil Nadu bears the cost of higher education of Government school students. And, under the Chief Minister's dream scheme 'Naan Mudhalvan', counseling is provided to all the students living in every village about their selection of college education.

Holiday training courses are being conducted at the expense of the Government of Tamil Nadu to help Government school students who want to study abroad to succeed in the IELTS test.

The Government of Tamil Nadu provided coaching and scholarships to students appearing for UPSC Civil Services Exams conducted by the Union Government of India. Thus, 42 students from Tamil Nadu became successful in the UPSC exam in 2024 and 35 of them are Tamil Nadu Government's 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme scholarship recipients. This is the achievement of this three-year rule.

If a country is governed by a good Government, its benefits continue to the next generation. That ruler's name and fame will endure forever. This should be taught as part of the curriculum so that the future generations of Tamil Nadu can understand it.

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Education plays an important role in determining every child's future. One is primary education which is basic education; Next is higher education. Only if the primary education is good then the higher education will give bright knowledge and prosperity. The Chief Minister M.K.Stalin's 'Dravidian Model' Government has performed excellently in three years with full attention to both.

Jayaprakash Gandhi
Educational Adviser

DMK's long political tradition has always focused on education. This can be seen in Kalaignar's reign and its continuation in the reign of Chief Minister Stalin. Although giving special importance to education, these two can be linked on the basis of women's welfare.

Although there are many good schemes implemented for these three basic categories like school children, college students and women, the one that I see as revolutionary is the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme. Students who complete their final year of school are confused about what they are going to

The Chief Minister who reached
the pinnacle of the Educational Structure

do next. There will be confusion in guiding the parents too. Such confusion is more prevalent among students of rural backward urban areas. For such students, the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme is a boon. 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme inspires them towards higher education by convincingly guiding them on what to study and how to study.

The 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme provides clarity and knowledge about the syllabus to engineering students. This year the pass rate of class XII has gone up to 94.56 per cent. 7.5 per cent reservation for admission to medical courses for government school-educated students has been effectively implemented. The same quota has been brought to engineering college students too and if those students use the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme, an environment is created to get admission to the best engineering colleges. One of its highlights is that the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme is beautifully aligned with the 7.5 per cent quota for government school students.

Similarly, among projects for girls is the ‘Pudhumai Penn’ scheme. Government school girl students from classes VI to XII get a thousand rupees per month when they go for higher education, which greatly attracts them towards higher education. In the very short academic years since the introduction of this ‘Pudhumai Penn’ scheme, the interest of women in higher education has increased by 20 to 25 per cent. Already we have progressed in higher education enrollment rate. The ‘Pudhumai Penn’ scheme will promote women’s education to its peak.

As a follow-up to this, the ‘Tamil Pudhalvan’ scheme will also be launched for male students studying in government schools from classes VI to XII. If this scheme is implemented, our higher education infrastructure will reach an unattainable height.

It is my wish that the same programs should be extended not only to government schools but also to government-aided schools.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister M.K.Stalin, the government is allocating more funds to strengthen the infrastructure of government schools and is implementing the breakfast program in 31,000 government schools from classes I to V. 16 lakh students benefit from this every day and this scheme is like a mother as a foundation for children to travel without interruption in primary education.

A number of schemes can be mentioned in a similar way. Many schemes implemented for education infrastructure in three years can be called 'Chief Minister's Skill Programme'. With new colleges and new visions, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has raised our educational structure in a great way.

Education has played a very important role in the development of Tamil society. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin's three-year rule has reached its peak. Our Chief Minister has strengthened a very strong foundation for the future structure of Tamil Nadu.

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Three years of accomplishments despite the siege

In this environment where the DMK government led by Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has completed three years, the government's approaches beyond the schemes are commendable.

K.Kanagaraj
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Firstly, when the people of Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts were reeling under conditions of heavy rains, floods, loss of lives, property damage and lack of food and drinking water, manner in which the state government combined Ministers, officials and volunteers to face it was unprecedented in the recent history of Tamil Nadu.

It was a great attitude of the Members of Parliament, Ministers and others who worked to make the people who were stuck in the flood feel like one of them. Rather than providing aid, they gave hope that there was a government to share in their misery, to relieve their misery. That approach, the planning for it, the manner in which it was executed, and the relief aid provided despite the many financial problems, was an integrated approach.

Apart from being a rallying cry for state rights, the voice of Chief Minister M.K.Stalin was the voice of secularism and federalism. Apart from campaigning in the Lok Sabha election field, his work was a vanguard in an ideological battleground.

Centenary of the Vaikom Satyagraha was jointly organized by the two state governments in Kerala and

Tamil Nadu, the Bicentennial of the Upper Cloth Revolt in Kanniyakumari was jointly organized by the two state chief ministers, and the Bicentennial of Vallalar, the reformer against Varnasirama and Manu injustice, was celebrated throughout the year by the Tamil Nadu government — All these are great strides in social reform.

The DMK government had passed a bill in the Legislative Assembly to make working hours flexible in the Factories Act. After allied parties including the Marxist Communist Party, trade unions and workers pointed out that it would have a severe impact, the Government of Tamil Nadu decided to drop the proposal.

It is a good approach to consider alternative ideas when they arise.

Valluvar defines that as a land which is free from much hunger, incessant plagues and ravaging enemies.

'Learning is good even if you beg' is a saying by Avvai. But it is a great tragedy that children go to school hungry. During my school days, I have seen students fainting in the morning assembly. They would say that they fainted because they did not eat in the morning. Not having food to eat is even more cruel than not having food to eat. When the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the breakfast scheme, the attitude of understanding the sentiments of the poor students who had no access to food really moved me.

The scheme called 'Vidiyal Payanam' is an income-generating arrangement for poor women, I would say. It has to be said that this is a boon for the women in the lower strata of the society who would go to work as domestic workers. It is sad to see people saying that they are late for work because they don't have money to buy a ticket. Similarly, I have seen people asking for salary

advances to be used for travel expenses. Against this background, even an average reduction in expenditure of Rs. 30 per day would be of great help to poor households. It's not just about money; It is also a help in not losing self-respect.

Free bus travel for students was once stopped by the ADMK government. As the dropout rate was reported to have increased during that year, the scheme was resumed. If there is any increase in expenses in the family, it is a practice to immediately stop the education of girls. It is in this context that the scholarship provided through the Pudhumai Penn scheme can be said to be a very important initiative for the development of the girl child, beyond the educational assistance. It is commendable that the scheme is being extended to male students this year.

A continuation of this approach can be seen in the financial statements as well. It has been announced that in the next two years, efforts will be made to combine all the government's assistance for about 5 lakh poor families in Tamil Nadu to lift them out of poverty. It is a combination of all the schemes to lift the poor family out of poverty. It is not just a scheme but also related to what kind of policies a government follows towards the poor.

Let the three year achievements of the state DMK government continue to follow welfare programs and a social justice approach for the people. May it be successful.

Let the deficiencies decrease, and the efficiencies increase.

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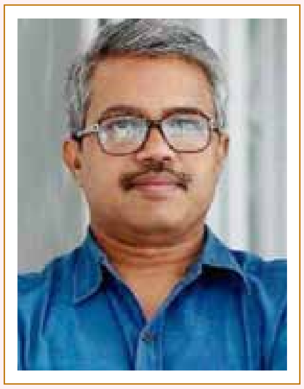
Integrated Development and Social Justice:

Tamil Nadu's Dravidian Model!



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Journalist

Tamil Nadu does not have the usual style of politics seen in other parts of India. Tamil Nadu's politics and socio-economics have a unique character. Under the regime led by M.K.Stalin, the market economy and social-gender justice and cultural-linguistic platforms are being developed together. This approach, known as the Dravidian Model, has produced several success stories in the last three years (2021 - 2024).

Good Economics

Tamil Nadu is the second largest economy in India. In the financial year 2023, the gross domestic product of the state is Rs. 23.64 lakh crore. Per capita income is 1.75 times higher than the national average. Urbanization is also implemented in 48% of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu leads the country in the Export Preparedness Index and ranks second in the Ease of Doing Business Index. We can understand the industrial strength of Tamil Nadu and the favourable business climate prevailing there by the fact that Tamil Nadu excels in manufacturing and exporting of electrical appliances and automobiles.

Tamil Nadu has attracted investments of Rs.6.64 lakh crore at the 'Global Investors' Conference in January 2024. Nearly 27 lakh jobs are expected to be generated. Also, Tamil Nadu has received agreements for investments worth 4.39 billion dollars with companies like Tata, Pegatron and Hyundai. This is proof of the value of Tamil Nadu not only domestically but internationally as well.

Tamil Nadu's economy is expected to grow by 8.19% in 2022 - 2023, surpassing the national average of 7.24%. Tamil Nadu contributes 8.8% of the country's GDP.

Social and Gender Justice

Social justice and equal opportunity are the basis for the development of Tamil Nadu. These are the principles of the Dravidian movement. Even DMK's politics is driven by redistributive policies, education reforms and medical improvements. It ensures that the benefits of economic growth are widely available to the people. This political approach has significantly reduced poverty in Tamil Nadu and raised the standard of living.

Tamil Nadu's SC/ST Startup Fund Scheme facilitates credit for marginalized communities. In the fiscal year 2022 - 2023, the Government of Tamil Nadu allocated Rs. 30 crore for this scheme. The objective of the scheme is to generate many success stories and encourage more innovation by SC/ST entrepreneurs.

Tamil Nadu also has the highest literacy rate in India. The infant mortality rate has also decreased to 8.2 per 1,000 children and maternal health has increased. The sex ratio (996 females per 1,000 males. The national average is 940) and the birth rate (75.29) highlights the success of the state in terms of gender equality and public health.

Tamil Nadu, which introduced a mid-day meal scheme to the country, has now added a breakfast scheme as well. The Breakfast scheme has been extended to all primary schools in the state.

Another important initiative of the DMK Government is the Pudhumai Penn Scheme. Launched in 2022, the scheme provides Rs. 1,000 monthly to girl children from economically disadvantaged families through bank accounts. This amount is given to female students who have studied from classes 6 to 12 in Government schools till graduation. This financial support has successfully reduced child and early marriage and ensured that girls continue their schooling.

The free bus travel scheme, launched by the DMK Government in 2021, has increased the contribution of women to the state's economy. According to a report by the Tamil Nadu Planning Commission, 70% of the beneficiaries of the scheme are under the age of 40 years. 46% of them belong to Scheduled Castes and Tribal communities. With this scheme, the beneficiaries can save up to 8-12% of their monthly income. The positive impact this scheme has had on the lives of women is visible.

Among these, DMK also emphasized the importance of the Tamil language. Tamil Nadu's initiative of providing 7.5% reservation in vocational courses to those who have studied Tamil medium in Government schools is helping poor Tamils. Tamil Nadu has even passed a Right to Sit Act for employees working in shops and establishments.

Not freebies

Some scholars criticize that the Government of Tamil Nadu is giving freebies to the people. I don't agree with that. The integrated development that the constitution insists on cannot happen without the intervention of the Government. This is not a country where Marxism is practiced. It is a country that follows capitalism. We have to remember that the whole 'giving away' debate is happening in a capitalist democracy. It is essentially a contest between a 'privilege the rich' approach and a capacity-building approach. We can see such a debate taking place in India between Jagdish Bhagwati, Arvind Panagariya and Amartya Sen, Jean Drèze.

Interestingly, theorists such as Amartya Sen, Martha Nussbaum, Esther Duflo, and Abhijit Banerjee who espouse the capacity-building approach are Marxists. None of them dismissed the role that the market plays. Martha Nussbaum says the capability approach is about quality of life and justice. He argues that human life, to reach its fullness, requires the acquisition of skills. That is, everything that one can do in one's life is one's skills. It also includes the ability to live a 'life of dignity'. This is what Tamil Nadu is doing.

Rationale against Caste

Similarly, anti-caste activities were carried out at full speed by the DMK Government. Two years ago, a woman belonging to the Narikuruva community was denied alms at the Mamallapuram Perumal temple. The Chief Minister's office brought the incident to the attention of Hindu Charities Minister Sekar Babu. Immediately a feast was arranged in the temple, and the woman was arranged to eat the meal, sitting between the commissioner and the minister Actually, it is a crucial step.

The DMK Government in Tamil Nadu is doing a progressive temple movement. Periyar, DMK's philosophical leader, had an important dream. The dream is that Shudras

and women should be appointed priests in temples. Kalaignar Karunanidhi made every effort to fulfil his dream. Due to the interference of the court and other obstacles, he could not fulfil his dream. In the end, it was Chief Minister Stalin who remembered the dream and made priests of all castes and genders.

The Dravidian Model

Over the past three years, M.K. Stalin's Government policies have been formulated with a nuanced understanding that development is not only economic but also includes socio-cultural dimensions. The Tamil Nadu experience highlights the importance of integrated policies and governance styles that embrace equal opportunity and social justice. These are important lessons in today's globalized environment.

This is the story of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu has given India a unique style. The state has shown that it is possible to provide free welfare programs to the people and generate economic growth through markets simultaneously.

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The Dravidian Model
leads the way for women's development!

Sangeetha Kandavel
Journalist

An important news came out in the annual survey conducted by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The survey noted that 15.8 lakh women are employed in India's industries. The important data is that 6.79 lakh or 43 per cent of them are from Tamil Nadu. There is one reason why more women are working in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu women are brave and their families also allow them to go out and work.

Tamil Nadu has excellent infrastructure to connect all regions. Tamil Nadu has everything that women need for better employment such as safe transport, good educational facilities, child care centres, safe shelters and medical facilities.

The politics and society of Tamil Nadu have been approaching women as an important link to social development. Tamil Nadu's economic and social development programs are designed

to include women. Dravidian polity lays the foundation for such a gender-neutral socio-economic system. The M.K.Stalin-led government that came to power in Tamil Nadu in 2021 refers to this socio-economic development system, which includes development and justice for women, as the Dravidian Model of development.

Chief Minister M.K.Stalin's government has taken several initiatives to reduce the gender gap in employment. Hostels for poor girl children, schools, protection of girl children, financial support for multi-girl families and monthly assistance for girls in higher education are some of them. According to a study conducted by M. Vijayabaskar about the 'Vidiyal Payanam Scheme' which allows women to travel without a ticket, women travellers in various industries can save between Rs. 756 and Rs. 1,012 per month.

Three districts were taken into account for this study. Nagapattinam for agriculture, Tiruppur for industry and Madurai for business and tourism. The study found that 39 per cent of the women availing of the scheme belonged to Scheduled Castes and 21 per cent belonged to the Most Backward Communities. More than 50 per cent of the women travelling on the bus are below 40 years of age.

Many of the women interviewed for the study said that the program has reduced their need to depend on family members for money. The scheme has created an environment for women to gain self-esteem and empowerment.

If the Vidiyal Payanam Scheme eases transportation for women, on the other hand, the government led by Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has taken many schemes to ensure education for women.

While the nutritious food and breakfast scheme ensures education for girls, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has announced the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme with the idea that education should not be stopped for reasons like marriage or poverty.

The scheme provides a monthly stipend of Rs. 1,000 till graduation for girls from below poverty line families to ensure that their education is not stopped.

Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has also created an opportunity for women to start a business without stopping with education. The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a program called TANSEED (Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Grant Fund) to encourage startups which provide funds. Through this scheme, special packages are also provided to encourage women entrepreneurs.

Under these packages, office spaces are provided for women-owned enterprises. These have no rent or membership fees for the first year.

Apart from this, annual career development trainings are also provided. The entrepreneur must be a woman to receive this package. Or women should hold 75 per cent shares in the company. Funding up to 15 lakh rupees is given to women entrepreneurs for their new ventures.

It can even be said that the uniqueness of gender justice, where the government stands by the development of women gradually starting from the birth of a girl, such as education, transport, higher education and self-employment, is an identity of the Dravidian Model.

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India is following Tamil Nadu!

Arul Ezhilan
Journalist

When a state party came to power in the union for the first time in 1967, no one expected that it would create a different cultural renaissance at the social level. The Dravidian movement has completed 57 years of rule this year, which marks the centenary of the Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. For a social movement to sustain itself for half a century, its deep-rooted thought and the way it manifests itself are important. Kalaignar, who was the Chief Minister five times in this half-century, ruled with social reform as the primary objective when he took office on 10th February 1969.

The reforms he made then did not retain any name. He aimed was to correct the existing discrimination among agricultural

communities through laws like the Agricultural Labor Wages Act, and the Land Ceiling Act. When he was first elected from the Kulithalai Constituency, the theme of his first speech was the Nangavaram farmers' problem and land reform. From 1969 to 1976, he ruled for justice for the agrarian population. Slum abolition, hand rickshaw abolition, land distribution — each scheme can be said to be a great leap of reforms. After coming to power, he set up the Rajamannar Committee and initiated its next step. He introduced the system of reservation in educational jobs at 31% for backward classes and 18% for scheduled castes. That has grown to 69% of reservations today. We can observe very precisely that the 57 years of Dravidian rule gradually subjected itself to modern changes. It was Kalaignar who started it in the 1970s. Tamil Nadu combined its social reform journey with industrial development when SIDCO was launched in the 1970s and SIPCOT in 1971.

Today, when Chief Minister M.K.Stalin has completed three years of his 'Dravidian Model' rule, we see that the whole of India is following Tamil Nadu today; Also, we are seeing a trend towards the adoption of Tamil Nadu's approach in social welfare programmes. It took 50 years to reach this point and the 'Dravidian Model' government stands on a

strong foundation. In these three years, great strides have been made in the three fronts of society, economy and modernity.

Kalaignar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital

Although the Dravidian Model Government provided quality free medical care to all the people of Tamil Nadu in every district, the need for highly specialized medical services was insufficient for the people of Chennai. The previous government, which had converted the new secretariat built during the Kalaignar regime into a multi-speciality hospital, was unable to use it as a full-fledged hospital. The reason is that it is not a hospital building. Converting the secretariat building into a hospital was rendered useless. Chief Minister Stalin completed the construction of the highly specialized hospital in just 15 months on the Kalaignar's centenary and dedicated it to the people.

Built at a cost of Rs. 230 crores on an area of 51,429 square meters with 6 floors and 1,000 bed facilities. This hospital, which has become the most modern hospital in Tamil Nadu, has a total of 20 highly specialized Departments such as Urology, Cardiology, Radiology, Neurology, Microbiology, Anesthesiology and Surgery, Emergency treatment, and various laboratories. It has been developed for the treatment of advanced 20 Departments concerning the heart, nerve, stomach, kidney, blood vessel, cancer and blood transfusion. Dedicated to the people of Tamil Nadu by Chief Minister Stalin in June last year, when this hospital completed one year, two and a half lakh people from all over Tamil Nadu have received advanced treatment.

Kalaignar insurance scheme made it easier for the poor middle class to get high treatment. The Chief Minister has made Tamil Nadu a pioneer in higher medical care

through this specialized hospital; Today, one of the landmarks of Chennai is the 'Kalaignar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital'.

Kalaignar Centenary Library

Madurai has many landmarks to be proud of. Among them, Kalaignar Centenary Library become an intellectual landmark. The grand Madurai Kalaignar Library which has created as part of Kalaignar's centenary celebrations, has attracted India-wide attention. In the first month of its opening on July 15 last year, more than one lakh people have visited.

The six-storied library boasts the distinction of being the largest library in South Asia. On the ground floor there is a differently-abled section, a conference hall, and a science theatre that attracts children, on the second floor there are Tamil works from the Sangam period to contemporary times, on the third floor there are English books, and on the fourth floor there are 30,000 books ready for the competitive exams, even for world standard exams. On the fifth floor is the digital Department — where all rare books are digitized and fully computerized.

On an area of 3.56 acres, 2 lakh 13 thousand square feet, Kalaignar Centenary Library stands up to create a vision for the people.

Kalaignar Centenary Eruthazhuvuthal Arena

Jallikattu is the foremost among the cultural symbols of Tamils. It was only after the Dravidian movement took root in the soil of Tamil Nadu that Pongal and Jallikattu became the main festival of Tamils. Kalaignar played a major role in turning Eruthazhuvuthal into a symbol of the great cultural events of the

farmers. We can see that Eruthazhuvuthal has had a great impact on his speeches, writings, poems and overall artistic, literary and political activities. This is one of the greatest tributes to Kalaignar in this century. The Arena in the Kalaignar's name is a great recognition given not only to Kalaignar but also to the Tamil community and the agricultural community.

Built on an area of 66.80 acres, 77,683 square feet at a cost of 62.78 crore rupees in Madurai Keezhakarai, this arena is not only for playing but also has a museum highlighting the history of Eruthazhuvuthal which was a cultural symbol of the people of Mullai land. The inscriptions and photographs in it speak of the heroic history of the Tamils.

Chief Minister M.K.Stalin inaugurated the stadium on January 24 this year. "Madurai is called the city that never sleeps. Every year, Vadivasal proves that Madurai is a city that crushes defeat when it comes to competition. This cultural symbol located here is a continuation of the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. Seals from the Indus Valley era have bulls. In it we can see the face of the bulls... Paintings from thousands of years ago show bulls with drooping jaws and wide curved horns. A complete bone of a bull was found at Keeladi. Jallikattu centered on the bull has been a heroic sport of the people of Mullai," he said, highlighting the thousands of years of Eruthazhuvuthal culture.

478 bulls, 250 players and tens of thousands of people came to watch the first competition in this arena. In the end, Abhichithar, who caught the most bulls, was awarded a car by Youth Welfare and Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and a prize of Rupees one lakh by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The best bull that participated in this competition was given a car as a prize from the Chief Minister and Rupees one lakh as a prize from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Kalaignar Centenary Eruthazhuvuthal Arena has become the crown jewel in the cultural movement Eruthazhuvuthal.

Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus – Kilambakkam

When the Kilambakkam bus station was inaugurated last December, Kalaignar sat majestically at the front door of the terminal. Because Chennai is one of his dream cities. The Koyambedu Bus Terminus was a result of his efforts to make Tamil Nadu an industrialized city. In line with the next phase of development in Chennai, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Kilambakkam bus terminus in the Kalaignar's birth centenary year.

This bus terminus, which has been built on an area of 88.52 acres at a cost of Rs.393.74 crore with the participation of Tamil Nadu Housing Board and Urban Development Department, has been built in an I-finger system to handle 3,500 buses to reduce traffic congestion in Chennai city. 130 government buses and 85 private buses can be halted at the same time. Outbound travellers mostly make evening trips. Keeping in mind the daily traffic jams they face and the many hours of delay during the festive season, this bus stand makes Kilambakkam a terminus in Chennai.

Lakhs of people have started using Kilambakkam Bus terminus everyday as it has clean drinking water, toilet facilities, drainage facilities and the structure is designed keeping in mind the mobility of the differently-abled persons. The Government of Tamil Nadu has started work on a new suburban railway station to connect Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminal with Chennai City. Plans to connect the bus station and the new railway station via an aerial corridor have also started.

The new bus terminus at Kilambakkam is the crowning achievement of Kalaignar's century.

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Memorial

The square where Anna and his younger brother Kalaignar lie is now known as the Anna Kalaignar Memorial. Perarignar Anna named the land as Tamil Nadu. Kalaignar shaped the landscape of Tamil Nadu with his political personality and administrative skills. The Tamil community is standing up today after overcoming many challenges. Muthamizharignar Kalaignar is a name that should be engraved in golden letters in the history of this society. He asked for a place next to Anna during his lifetime. Today's Chief Minister is the one who fought and achieved it even when he was not in power.

The Dravidian Model Government has expanded the Anna and Kalaignar Memorials to an area of 8.57 acres and made it one of the prime landmarks of Chennai. The special feature of this memorial is the virtual history created in a 20,000 square foot space under the ground in the name of 'Kalaignar World'. The tunnel to the museum created with the help of artificial intelligence technology is impressive. Inside, the names of the books written by Kalaignar are inscribed with the single letter 'K'.

There is a room named Kalaignar Ezhiloviyam. It is decorated with rare photographs of Kalaignar from his youth to old age. Along with that, the warm lines written 'Appa endru ungalai azhaithukollattuma Thalaivare' bring astonishment and tears together.

In the room named Urimaiveerar Kalaignar, the presentation of the speech of the Kalaignar at the Chennai Fort after getting the right to hoist the national flag on Independence Day has been created with the help of artificial intelligence. Kalaignar's majestically standing speech gives the impression that he is addressing directly.

A digital screen has been created with the titles of 8 books, including the Kalaignar's life epic 'Nenjukku Needhi'. By touching any book in it, the description of that book unfolds as a video. Kalaignar has a history of eighty years in public life, seventy years in the film industry, seventy years as a journalist, 60 years as a legislator, and 50 years as president of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. It is not the history of an individual, but the history of a society and the history of South India too. His entire life and works are the result of this Tamil society in which he was born and lived. The ultra-modern Kalaignar memorial on the beach also bears those effects.

This memorial was created in the eastern part of the Anna Memorial Campus under the direct vision of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The exterior of the main hall's arches is made of Vietnamese marble. The portraits of Kalaignar painted on these marble slabs are luminous even at night. The memorials of many leaders are located at Marina Square. But the memorial of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar only carries the modern history of Tamil Nadu.

Kalaignar memorial can also be seen as a continuation of the Dravidian political tradition. It can also be seen as a museum of two great personalities. It can also be seen as the half-century-old cultural foundation of Tamil Nadu.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin

Public Department

Political Pension

- Periodical Enhancement of State Freedom Fighters Pension from Rs.17,000/- in the year 2021 to Rs.20,000/- till date and Family Pension from Rs.8,500/- to Rs.11,000/- respectively.
- The Special Pension given to the heirs of Veerapandia Kattabomman, Maruthu Brothers, former king of Ramanathapuram Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathy and V.O.Chidambaranar has been increased from Rs.8,500/-. to Rs.10,000/-.

Director General of Police

- Orders were issued to allocate Rs.5 crore towards purchase of protective equipment to Police personnel who were engaged in COVID-19 prevention duties.
- Incentive of Rs.5,000 was sanctioned to each of the 1.17 lakh Police personnel who were engaged in field work to prevent COVID-19 pandemic.
- Fifth Police Commission was constituted under the chairmanship of retired Justice C.T.Selvam to recuperate the good relationship between the Police and the public.

- Marina Beach Life Guard Unit was formed in Greater Chennai Police to prevent the incidents of general public drowning in Marina Beach.
- Risk allowance being paid to Police Constables has been enhanced from Rs.800/- to Rs.1,000/ in order to protect their interests.
- CLApp, a software application, was developed at a cost of Rs.10 lakh to sanction casual leave for Police personnel.
- Special grievance redressal camps were organised as part of ‘Ungal Thoguthiyil Muthalamaichar Scheme’ to resolve various issues prevailing in Police force.
- Avadi and Tambaram Commissionerates were formed and inaugurated accepting the long-standing demand of the Police force to establish new Commissionerates by including new areas and dividing Greater Chennai Police Commissionerate on administrative lines and general public convenience.
- 352 four-wheelers and 396 two-wheelers were allotted at a cost of Rs.44.46 crore to the newly formed Avadi and Tambaram Commissionerates.
- Grievance redressal facility was provided to Police Constables through a separate software application developed at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre was formed to investigate cyber crimes.
- 39 new Women Police Stations were established from 2021 after the new Government was formed, since Women Police Stations have to be established in all Sub-Divisions to prevent crime against women.
- An order was issued to establish new Women Police Stations in 19 places including Koyambedu, Kotturpuram and Puzhal.
- Special postal envelope was released and ‘Avoid Violence Through Awareness and Learning (AVAL)’ scheme was introduced to ensure safety of women during the Golden Jubilee function organised at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 17.03.2023 to mark the completion of 50 years of women joining Tamil Nadu Police force.

- ❖ Anti-Terrorism Squad was established newly in State Intelligence Wing of Tamil Nadu Police force in November last year (2023) to effectively counter, terrorist activities.

- ❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the two integrated administrative buildings constructed on behalf of Police Department to house 62 Police quarters, 2 Police stations and Armed Reserve, Tirunelveli city and District through video conferencing on 04.01.2024.

- ❖ 25 Hyundai Creta, 8 Innova Crysta and 20 Bolero jeeps were allotted for the usage of Greater Chennai Police on 22.01.2024.

Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited

- ❖ 2,882 Police Department personnel rental quarters for Rs.481.92 crore, 42 Police Stations for Rs.42.88 crore and 14 other Police buildings for Rs.84.53 crore have been completed during this period.

- ❖ 181 Fire & Rescue Services Department personnel quarters for Rs.30.94 crore, 21 Fire 'Stations for Rs.34.61 crore and 2 Fire Other building for Rs.2.45 crore have been completed during this period.

- ❖ 64 Prison and Correctional Services Department quarters for Rs.12.03 crore, 30 Prison and Correctional Services Other building for Rs.33.23 crore have been completed during this period.

Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has been rendering excellent selfless service of rescuing people and property from danger. In the year 2021 to 2023, the personnel of the Department have attended 61,288 fire calls and 2,57,209 rescue

calls and saved 42,224 lives apart from saving property worth about Rs.605.06 crore.

Personnel welfare

- For the safety of the personnel of fire and rescue services, 1,850 fire protective suits with fire resistant shoes and fire retardant helmets, 650 sets of self-contained breathing apparatus sets, 3,500 rescue dress at a total cost of Rs.55.62 crore have been procured.

- The plinth area of quarters for the Fire and Rescue Services personnel has been increased at par with Police personnel.

- The risk coverage on Group Insurance Scheme for all Fire and Rescue Services personnel has been increased at par with the Police personnel.

- The Government grant to Benevolent Fund has been enhanced from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.40 lakh and the ceiling on expenditure for conducting Annual Sports at Regional and State level has been increased to Rs.3 lakh and Rs. 6 lakh respectively.

Procurement of modern vehicles and equipment

- 75 water tenders, 12 mini emergency water tenders, 44 water bowzers, 1 aerial ladder platform vehicle, 7 ultra high pressure water tenders have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.72.82 crore.

- To modernise the Department this Government have sanctioned 50 drones, 4 smoke exhausters, 21 combi tools, 4 troop carriers, 5 air compressors, hydraulic tools 10, at a total cost of Rs.14.01 crore.

- The Fire Incident Command Centre at Fire Service headquarters is being strengthend at a cost of Rs.354 lakh and the existing Safety Volunteer Scheme is to be further strengthened by sanctioning badges and honorarium to safety volunteers at a cost of Rs.76.35 lakh.

Construction of new buildings for Fire and Rescue Stations

- Further, sanction is accorded for construction of station buildings at Kancheepuram, Teynampet, Thiruvaiyaru, Kadamalaikundu, Rajapalayam, Redhills, Manali, Washermenpet, Salem, Srirangam and Kancheepuram and Ambattur District office at a total cost of Rs.51.58 crore. Further, sanction is accorded for construction of 173 quarters for personnel at Redhills, Bodinayakkanur, Thuraiyur, Ranipet, Sivakasi and Perumbakkam at a total cost of Rs.44.67 crore. The buildings for fire and rescue stations at Triplicane, are to be constructed at a total cost of Rs.5.95 crore.

Opening of new Fire and Rescue Service Stations

- To deliver diligent service to the society, new fire and rescue stations were opened at Thingal Nagar, Kovaipudur, Chinnamanur, Vaimedu, Thellar, Anniyur, Thiruparankundram, Ezhaiyarampannai, Kolathur, Kalavakkam, Kannamangalam, Aatayampatti, Uthukuli, Illayankudi, Vaiyampatti, Kumaratchi, Nainarpalayam and 4 fire and rescue stations at Sivakasi, Hosur, Tambaram and Ranipet were upgraded at a total cost of Rs.62.18 crore. Further, 4 new fire and rescue stations at Oragadam, Thiruverumbur, Radhapuram, Rishivandhiyam are to be opened at a total cost of Rs.7.25 crore and Ponnamalle and Kilpauk fire and rescue stations are to be upgraded at a cost of Rs.01.06 crore.

Establishment of State Fire Academy

- To upgrade the training imparted to the personnel a training academy at Kalavakkam will be established and a modern training simulator of international standard have been sanctioned at a cost Rs.39.30 crore.

Forensic Sciences Department

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued posting orders to 62 candidates recruited for the post of Junior Scientific Officer in Forensic Sciences Department on 26.07.2021

- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.8.45 crore towards upgradation of Main Laboratory in Chennai, as Centre of Excellence in Forensic Science.

- The Government have sanctioned 7 Mobile Forensic Science Laboratories one each to the newly formed Districts of Tenkasi, Kallakurichi, Chengalpet, Tirupathur, Ranipet and Mayiladuthurai in addition to Ariyalur District at a total cost of Rs.2.18 crore, in order to assist Investigating Officers for the scientific investigation of crimes.

- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.7.80 crore towards establishment of DNA analysis Division at Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Thanjavur, for speedy analysis of crime exhibits involved in crime against women cases.

- Sanction has been accorded for establishing Computer Forensic Division in the Regional Forensic Sciences Laboratories at Madurai and Tiruchirappalli, at a total cost of Rs.4.46 crore, in order to provide speedy forensic report in digital evidence analysis.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has released "Forensic DNA Profile Search Tool" which has been developed by the scientists of Tamil Nadu Forensic Sciences Department a first of its kind in India, on 20.11.2021. This software tool can be used for rapid identification of perpetrators involved in criminal cases, identification of inter-state criminals, identification of missing children, human identification in mass disaster, etc.

- The Government has sanctioned two new Mobile Forensic Science Laboratories each one for the newly formed Police Commissionerates at Tambaram and Avadi, for crime scene examination at a cost of Rs.1.2 crore.

- State-of-the Art Genetic Analyzer has been provided to the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Madurai, at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore for DNA profiling of Bio-specimens pertaining to criminal cases.

- Government has accorded sanction towards purchase of Sophisticated 'LC-MS' instrument for strengthening the analytical capabilities of the Main Laboratory, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore for the analysis of Narcotics and Toxicological samples.

- To get accreditation (ISO/IEC 17025-2017) for Regional Forensic Labs at Madurai, Thanjavur and Vellore at a cost of Rs.3.10 crore.

- On 01.07.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has flagged off 14 specially designed Mobile Forensic Science Laboratory vehicles which were purchased at a cost of Rs.3.92 crore, for the effective crime scene examination.

Special Initiatives Department

Chennai Metro Rail Limited

- ❖ The tempo of construction works of Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project with three corridors at a total length of 118.9 km at a cost of Rs.63,246 crore has gained momentum.
- ❖ Approval for extension project of Chennai Metro rail from Airport to Kilambakkam Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminal for a length of 15.46 km at a cost of Rs.4,625 crore.
- ❖ The DPR for Phase-I of Coimbatore Metro Rail covering a length of 34.8 km at a cost of Rs.10,740 crore.
- ❖ The DPR for Madurai Metro Rail covering a length of 31.93 km at a cost of Rs.11,368 crore.
- ❖ Kathipara Urban Square Project at a cost of Rs.14.50 crore has been opened beneath the Kathipara Flyover in 2021.
- ❖ A Part of the "Central Square" project with public amenities on international standards at a cost of Rs.34.22 crore has been opened for public use in March 2022.
- ❖ The Headquarters Building (MetroS) at Nandanam for Chennai Metro Rail Limited was inaugurated in October 2022.
- ❖ Thiru. Vi.Ka.Park at Shenoy Nagar, which was affected by underground metro rail construction was renovated at a cost of Rs.18 crore and opened for public use in April 2023.
- ❖ The DFR for implementing MRTS in Tiruchirappalli and Salem was prepared.
- ❖ The DFR for extension of Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project from Poonamallee to Parandur, Koyambedu to Avadi and Siruseri to Kilambakkam was prepared.

- A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) is being incorporated as a Joint Venture between Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) to take up commercial projects in the lands belonging to Government agencies.

Welfare of Differently-abled persons Department

- Asum of Rs. 1,106 crore was allocated for the financial year 2023-2024.
- An additional amount of Rs.50.66 crore has been allocated under the Scheme of providing Aids and Appliances to the Differently-abled persons and assistive devices have been provided to all the 9,185 wait-listed differently-abled beneficiaries.
- The Government announced the launch of World Bank-funded TN RIGHTS project for 6 years with a budget amount of Rs.1,773.20 crore and work was carried out in 10 special schools and renovation work of one Government rehabilitation home has been completed.
- For the benefit of hearing and speech impaired students in the southern Districts, B.Com, B.C.A., classes have been started in the Government Arts College, Ramanathapuram District, Paramakkudi.
- A separate unit namely District Differently-Abled Welfare Office has been created in Chennai North at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore.
- Self-employment Loan subsidy amount of Rs.25,000 which is being given to Differently-abled Persons has been extended to the parents of children with mental retardment, Autism, Muscular Dystrophy with a loan subsidy amount of Rs.15,000 for a total of 400 beneficiaries, and for this purpose so far, 94 parents have benefited from this scheme.
- A Government order has been issued to sanction the financial assistance under marriage assistance scheme as full cash. Funds have been allocated to the concerned Districts for 680 beneficiaries and it has been

distributed to 281 beneficiaries till date for the financial year 2023-2024.

- A sewing machine is provided to differently-abled persons for self-employment and for this, age limit has been extended to 60 years and motorized sewing machines have been provided to 3,764 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.1.48 crore. In this, 3,302 beneficiaries are of the age group of 18-45 years and 462 beneficiaries are of the age group of 46-60 years.Around 3,680 Motorized Sewing Machines worth Rs.2.52 crore have been supplied in the financial year 2023-2024.
- Empowered agencies have been selected to conduct an access audit of 62 sports stadiums across the state with a budget of Rs.37.20 lakh to create a barrier-free environment and access audits have been conducted by 6 agencies at a cost of Rs.28.15 lakh and audit reports have been submitted to the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority.
- Three special homes for rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injured Persons were established in Tiruppur, Coimbatore and Tiruvannamalai Districts benefiting 75 persons at a cost of Rs.One crore through Non-Governmental Organizations.
- Increase of feeding grant provided for the differently-abled persons in 235 special schools and homes run by the Government, Government-aided and Non-Governmental Organizations from Rs.900 to Rs.1,200 per person per month at an additional cost of Rs.3.92 crore from 28.06.2022.
- A total of 1,053 students, 22 Government residential special school hostels have been provided with soap and coconut oil for personal hygiene and allowance for other expenses has been raised from Rs.30 to Rs.50 and for this purpose Rs.2.52 lakh has been allocated and spent.

- Two State awards have been constituted at a cost of Rs.1.60 lakh to the best Government organisation and private organisation for creating a barrier-free environment for the easy access for differently-abled persons in public buildings.
- Administrative sanction has been issued to upgrade the following Government schools for the children with hearing impairment at a cost Rs.36.43 lakh benefiting 128 students. The Middle school, in Pudukkottai has been upgraded to High school and the High schools in Virudhunagar and Erode were upgraded to Higher secondary school. A financial sanction of Rs.6.07 lakh has been given during the financial year 2023-2024, benefitting 27 students.
- Orders were issued to set up Aavin Parlour for eligible differently-abled persons at PWD Department and Revenue Department. So far, 169 differently-abled persons have benefited.
- Orders were issued for differently-abled persons to run Push Cart on the roadside according to the norms of the City Sales Committee and 18 differently-abled persons have benefited.
- A sign language interpreter has been provided in all District Collectorate offices at an allocation of Rs.15,600 per District.
- As emphasized in the Rights of differently-abled persons Act, 2016, orders were issued for formation of high-level committee and convened the meeting to monitor the suitable positions to provide 4 per cent reservation to the differently-abled persons in the Government employment opportunities, and steps are being taken to provide employment on the basis of 4 per cent reservation.
- Orders were issued to provide Patta to the differently-abled persons who are below the poverty line on priority basis through

the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, 2,751 beneficiaries have benefited.

- ❖ A high level committee consisting of associations of industrial companies has been formed to find suitable employment opportunities for differently-abled in private companies and Government Order has been issued to provide employment.
- ❖ Orders were issued to the differently-abled persons who are below the poverty line. 175 persons have benefited through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and 1,364 persons have benefited through Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board in Urban areas.
- ❖ 8 Homes for persons with mental retardment and for Mentally ill persons were established in Tenkasi, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Namakkal, Thanjavur and Thoothukudi Districts through Non Governmental Organizations at a cost of Rs.91.72 lakh.
- ❖ Government order has been issued to reduce the pensionable age from 50 years to 40 years for the differently-abled Ulemas and for those registered in the Employees Welfare Board established through the Backward Classes Welfare, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department.
- ❖ The monthly honorarium has been increased from Rs.14,000 to Rs.18,000 to special educators and physiotherapists working in Educational Institutions for differently-abled persons run by Non-Governmental Organizations.
- ❖ The Government has issued orders to increase the maintenance grant from Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,000 per month for differently-abled persons suffering from severe disabilities, mental retardment, muscular dystrophy and leprosy cured. Around 2,36,456 beneficiaries are getting benefited under this scheme.
- ❖ Orders were issued to implement the Housing loan scheme with an allocation of Rs.1.20 crore to benefit 1,000 people by providing interest-free bank Housing loan assistance to pay the beneficiary contribution to the houses allotted by the Government to the differently-abled persons.
- ❖ A fund of Rs.1.40 crore has been allocated to provide modular reading devices worth Rs.14,000 to 1,000 visually impaired students pursuing higher education.
- ❖ The scheme of providing retrofitted petrol scooters has been expanded to benefit the one-leg affected differently-abled persons and a sum of Rs.4.50 crore has been allocated to purchase retrofitted petrol scooters for 500 differently-abled persons.
- ❖ Order has been issued to allocate 5 per cent of allotment to the differently-abled persons in the commercial complexes built by the Corporations and local bodies in all the Districts.
- ❖ Amount has been increased to provide accidental relief, medical and educational assistance under the Schemes of the Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for the Differently-abled Persons and an additional amount of Rs.2 crore has been allocated.
- ❖ People with hearing impairment, a Government order has been issued to allocate Rs.15 lakh to train sign language interpreters through an NGO.
- ❖ A fund of Rs.5.34 crore has been allocated to increase the honorarium given to the staff working in the Early intervention centres and rehabilitation homes, run by Non-Governmental Organisations.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.1.76 crore has been allocated to appoint care takers at a monthly salary

of Rs.4,500 to take care of differently-abled children studying in 326 special schools run by Government-funded NGOs, and till now 309 care takers have been appointed.

- To benefit 592 differently-abled persons who are leprosy-cured in ten Government Rehabilitation Homes, the feeding grant has been increased from Rs.42 to Rs.100 per person per day with an additional fund of Rs.1.24 crore allocation.
- To integrate recovered mentally ill persons into society, a new scheme namely "Home Again" was introduced in five Districts in the first phase. Totally ten homes with two homes per District benefitting 40 people with a fund allocation of Rs.50 lakh is to be implemented through Non-Governmental organisations.
- To fill up the backlog vacancies under 4 per cent reservation in the Government Departments within a year, so far 2,010 vacancies has been identified by the concerned Heads of the Departments. Steps are being taken to call for special Recruitment Drive by the concerned Departments.
- The amount of educational scholarship assistance given to differently-abled students has been doubled and an additional fund of Rs.7 crore has been allotted to benefit 22,300 students.
- To benefit 150 mentally ill and mentally retarded differently-abled persons in the Tiruvarur and Mayiladuthurai Districts, four acres of land has been identified for the construction of three homes at a sanction of Rs.14 crore with a financial sanction of Rs.2 crore.
- An ordinance has been promulgated to expand the scheme of providing supplementary meals and mid-day meals to differentlyabled children in special schools and primary training centers run by Government-funded NGOs and ongoing efforts are underway.

Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has promised that the petitions received during his election campaign will be addressed and resolved within 100 days of taking over as Chief Minister of the State. As such, as soon as Chief Minister assumes office on 07.05.2021 he signed one among the first five files for the creation of "Chief Minister in Your Constituency", a separate Department for the quick redressal of the public grievances.
- During the Corona pandemic, due to the joint efforts and co-operation of Government Secretaries and all Departmental officers, all the petitions were duly considered and at the end of 100 days, 2.29 lakh of petitions were admitted and beneficiaries received appropriate benefits. Many grievances which have been pending for so many years have been redressed in a short span of time through this Department.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister, who prioritizes for the redressal of the public grievances integrated the CM Cell, Integrated and Inclusive Public Grievance CM Helpline Management System Grievance Redressal Center, Chief Minister in your constituency and created into a separate Department called "Mudhalvarin Mugavari" and kept under his direct control.
- Petitions received from all modes in the state have been brought under one roof. Provisions have been made for the direct supervision from the Secretariat to know the status of the petitions received District wise and petitions received by all Departmental secretaries upto Tahsildar / Block Development Officer level.

- Besides, Chief Minister's Helpline Call Center and Quality Monitoring Units have been created in District Collectorates at the District level and all petitions are examined and graded as A, B and C.
- From 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024 a total of 28.47 lakh petitions have been received under the Department of "Mudhalvarin Mugavari" and 27.87 lakh petitions have been successfully resolved on the basis of merit.

Makkaludan Mudhalvar Scheme

- Even though most of the basic services are being provided online without the need for the public to visit Government offices, a new scheme called "Makkaludan Mudhalvar" has been launched through which people at grassroots level will be able to easily access services, in order to address the difficulties faced by people in accessing certain Government services such as lack of clarity about the procedures to be followed, delays in direct delivery of services, uploading necessary documents, difficulties in knowing the practical aspects and lack of understanding in using technology. Under this scheme, special camps have been conducted in all Districts at ward and village panchayat level in urban and rural local bodies and petitions related to 13 Government Departments have been collected to be disposed within 30 days under the direct supervision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- In the first phase, 2058 camps have been conducted in all the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Town panchayats and Village Panchayats located close to the cities. Also Since 18.12.2023, under the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' scheme 8.74 lakh petitions have been satisfactorily resolved. In the next phase of this scheme, 15 Government Department which are most accessed by the people in rural areas will be identified. It has been implemented from 11th July 2024 and till 31st July 2024, 1068 camps have been completed.

Neengal Nalama Scheme

- With the aim of ensuring that all the welfare programs reach the right people, a new scheme called "Neengal Nalama" has been implemented to get the views and feedback of the people in order to reduce the gap between the people and the Government. Based on this, not only the benefits of the welfare schemes reach the people, but also measures will be taken to improve the quality of services. This website is designed to be used by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Chief Secretary to Government, all Government Department Secretaries, Director General of Police, Heads of Departments and Additional Directors of Police, District Collectors, District Superintendents of Police, Metropolitan Police Commissioners. Also, a manual collection of all Government schemes has been uploaded on this website for the benefit of the public.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched an innovative scheme called " Neengal Nalama" on 06.03.2024 to seek feedback on the welfare schemes of the Government and contacted the beneficiaries directly over the phone and sought their views on the welfare schemes.
- According to the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Department is carefully considering all the petitions received from the public and making all necessary efforts to select them in a speedy and quality manner, including those that are legally required and rejecting them with appropriate reasons.

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Irrigation Projects including small Irrigation, Legislative Assembly, Governor and Ministry, Elections and Passports, Minerals and Mines.

Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources
Thiru. Duraimurugan

Water Resources Department

Mettur Dam

- In the year 2021, water released from Mettur dam for Cauvery Delta Kuruvai Crops Irrigation and successfully supplied the water till the end of irrigation season.
- In the year 2022-2023 also started with a positive note as Mettur dam had a comfortable carryover storage of 87.42 TMC at the beginning of June, 2022 itself. Hence, Mettur dam opened for irrigation well in advance, based on the favourable monsoon forecast.
- In the year 2023, Mettur Dam opened on the scheduled date 12.06.2023 with the carry over storage of 69.828 TMC as on 31.05.2023.
- In the year 2021-2022, 281.08 TMC of Cauvery water was realised at Billigundulu against the prescribed quantity of Tamil Nadu share of 177.25 TMC.
- In the year 2023-2024, 76.73 TMC of Cauvery water was realised at Billigundulu against the prescribed quantity of Tamil Nadu share of 167.25 TMC.
- In the year 2021-2022, the water level of Mettur Dam was maintained above 100ft for 219 days and above 120 ft for 41 days.

- In the year 2022-2023, both monsoons were good in the whole Cauvery basin. As a rare occurrence, the water level was maintained at FRL of 120 ft, for 125 days from 01.06.2022 to 12.01.2023.
- In continuation of this, the Mettur Dam was at FRL of 120 ft for continuous 69 days from 17.07.2022 to 23.09.2022. Besides conserved a comfortable storage of water for judicially utilizing in the next irrigation year 2023-2024, water was supplied to the entire ayacut in Cauvery basin for irrigation till the end of irrigation season, successfully.

Mullai Periyar Dam

- Further to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 07.05.2014, Mullai Periyar Dam reached the permitted level of 142 ft. for the fourth time on 30.11.2021 and remained in that level continuously for 18 days.
- As the monsoon rainfall in the catchment of Mullai Periyar Dam was normal during 2022-2023, the water level in the Mullai Periyar Dam reached the permissible limit of 142 ft level on 27.12.2022 for the fifth time, since 2014. The dam remains safe in all respects.
- This Government is continuously taking all necessary steps to carry out the strengthening works as ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgments dated 27.02.2006 & 07.05.2014 to store water upto the original FRL of 152 ft, in the interest of the people living in the 5 drought prone districts, namely, Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram.
- During the Irrigation year 2021-2022, from the MullaiPeriyar Reservoir, 31.64 TMC was diverted to Tamil Nadu.
- During the Irrigation year 2022-2023, from MullaiPeriyar Reservoir, 27.46 TMC was diverted to Tamil Nadu.
- During the Irrigation year 2023-2024, from MullaiPeriyar Reservoir, 18.697 TMC was diverted to Tamil Nadu.

Checkdams and Anaicuts

- During three years from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024, 84 check dams at an estimated amount of Rs.490 crore are taken up for implementation and 53 have been completed and 31 are under progress.
- During three years from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024, 42 Anaicuts at an estimated amount of Rs.268.40 crore are taken up for implementation and 28 were completed and 14 are under progress.

New Regulator across Kollidam River at Mukkombu (Upper Anaicut)

- Construction of new regulator across Kollidam River at Mukkombu in Tiruchirapalli District at a revised estimated cost of Rs.414 crore to benefit an ayacut of 12,58,460 acres has been completed.

Athikadavu - Avinashi pumping scheme

- Athikadavu - Avinashi Scheme as Irrigation, Ground Water recharge and Drinking Water supply scheme at a revised estimated cost of Rs.1,916.417 crore to benefit an ayacut of 24,468 Acres in Coimbatore, Erode and Tiruppur is under implementation.
- This Scheme involves pumping of 1.5 TMCft. of surplus water of the Bhavani River from the downstream of the KalingarayanAnaicut to feed 32 Water Resources Department tanks, 42 Panchayat Union tanks and 971 Ponds in Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode Districts. 99% of work has been completed.
- The trial run for the project has been conducted and ensured that the water has reached all the 1,045 Nos. of Tanks/ponds.

Formation of Reservoir across Marudaiyaru River

- Formation of Reservoir across Marudaiyaru River near Kottarai Village in AlathurTaluk of Perambalur District (sanctioned on 24.10.2012) at a revised estimated cost of Rs.149.40 crore is in progress, to benefit an ayacut of 4,194 acre. 97 per cent of the works have been completed.
- During 2021-2022, Marudaiyaru reservoir starts filling during North East Monsoon 2021 and reaches full capacity then it surpluses from 17.10.2021-8.00 AM to 02.02.2022-6.00 PM. Surplus water was discharged for 108 days. The maximum discharge observed was 4,069 cusecs on 26.11.2021- 6.00 PM to Marudaiyaru River.
- During 2022-2023, Marudaiyaru reservoir starts filling during North East Monsoon 2022 and reaches full capacity, then it surpluses from 01.06.2022-8.00 AM to 12.01.2023-6.00 PM. Surplus water was discharged for 80 days. The maximum discharge observed was 1041.26 cusecs on 14.12.2022-6.00 AM to Marudaiyaru River. During the period from 01.06.2022 to 12.01.2023 the surplus discharge observed is 6,915.28 cusecs.

Climate Change Adaptation Programme in Cauvery Delta

- Climate Change Adaptation Programme in Cauvery Delta pertaining to Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam Districts Rivers/ drains viz., Harichandanathi, Adappar, Vellaiyar, Pandavaiyar, Valavanar Drain, Vedharanyam Canal and Uppanar Drain and 13 various pumping schemes in parts of Lower Vennar system at a revised estimated cost of Rs.1,110.17 crore to benefit an ayacut of 78,000 Hectare has been completed during the year 2022.

Formation of Reservoir Kattur-Thatamanji New Reservoir

- Formation of a Reservoir by upgrading the capacity of the Twin Tanks of Kattur and Thatamanji in Minjur Block of PonneriTaluk in Tiruvallur District at an estimated cost on Rs.62.36 crore to benefit an ayacut of 5,804 acre has been completed during the year 2023.

Mettur Sarabanga Lift Irrigation

- Diversion of flood surplus water from Mettur Dam to dry tanks in Sarbanga Basin in Salem District by Lift Irrigation at a revised estimate cost of Rs.673.88 crore is under implementation to benefit an ayacut of 4,238 acres. 96% of work has been completed.

- During 2021-2022, a total quantity of 79.70 Mcft of surplus water from Mettur dam has been pumped from Thippampatty pumping station to fill 7 tanks in Thippampatty-Kallipatty group tanks for the benefit of an ayacut of 648 acres.
- During 2022-2023, when the Mettur Dam reached its full capacity, water was diverted from Mettur dam to fill Thippampatti – Kallipatti group of 20 tanks in Mettur, Edappadi and OmalurTaluks for the benefit of an ayacut of 2,066 acres.

Construction of a New Barrage across Kollidam River in Adhanur and Kumaramangalam Village

- Construction of a Barrage with head sluice across the River Kollidam, in Adhanur and Kumaramangalam Villages of Cuddalore and Mayiladuthurai Districts is under implementation at an estimated cost of Rs.465.42 crore to benefit an ayacut of 31,221 acre in Cuddalore and Mayiladuthurai Districts. 98% of works has been completed.

Tamiraparani - Karumeniyar - Nambiyar link Canal Scheme

- Interlinking of Tamiraparani - Karumeniyar – Nambiyar Rivers for a revised estimate amount of Rs.1,060.76 crore to benefit an ayacut of 56,933 acres of land in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts is taken up for implementation and 98% of work has been completed.

Extension, Renovation and Modernization of irrigation infrastructures in Cauvery Basin (ERM)

- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Noyyal Sub-basin at an estimated amount of Rs.230 crore has been completed to benefit an ayacut of 7,000 acre (Direct) and 11,000 acre (indirect) in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode and Karur Districts.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Kattalai High Level Canal Irrigation system at an estimated amount of Rs.335.50 crore has been completed to benefit an ayacut of 20,185 acre in Karur District and 3,589 acre in Tiruchirappalli District.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Rajavoikkal Irrigation System at an estimated amount of Rs.184 crore has been completed to benefit an ayacut of 12,786 acre in Namakkal District.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization of irrigation infrastructures in Lower Bhavani Project at a revised estimated cost of Rs.706.15 crore is taken up for implementation to benefit an ayacut of 2,47,247 acre in Erode, Karur and Tiruppur Districts. 65% of work has been completed.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization of irrigation infrastructures in Cauvery Sub-basin at a revised estimated cost of Rs.3,607.30 crore is taken up for implementation to benefit an ayacut of 3,54,147 acre in Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Mayiladuthurai and Tiruvarur Districts. 85% of work has been completed.
- Extension, Renovation and Modernization works in Grand Anaicut Canal system for 16 packages has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.2,639.15 crore to benefit an ayacut of 2,27,472 acre in Thanjavur and Pudukkottai Districts. In this, 5 packages at a revised estimated amount of Rs.1,082.31 crore are taken up for implementation and 99% of work has been completed.

Special Desilting Works

Desilting in Cauvery Delta Districts

- Desilting works were carried out to desilt rivers, canals and supply channels in Cauvery

Delta districts viz., Karur, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Pudukkottai and Cuddalore and hence water reached tail end areas of Cauvery.

❖ In the year 2021-2022, 647 desilting works were carried out to desilt rivers, canals and supply channels for a length of 4,061.44 km in Cauvery Delta area for an amount of Rs.65.11 crore.

❖ In the year 2022-2023, 683 desilting works were carried out to desilt rivers, canals and supply channels for an length of 4,964.11 km in Cauvery Delta area for an amount of Rs.80 crore.

❖ In the year 2023-2024, 691 desilting works were carried out to desilt rivers, canals & supply channels for a length of 4,773.13 km in Cauvery Delta area at an estimate amount of Rs.90 crore.

❖ In the year 2024-2025, 919 desilting works were carried out to desilt rivers, canals & supply channels for a length of 5,338.68 km in Cauvery Delta area at an estimate amount of Rs.110 crore.

❖ In Cauvery Delta area, the desilting of water bodies to the designed bed level, removal of shoals and thorny bushes in canals / channels, branch canals / drains / supply channels etc., were executed on war footing basis with the involvement of UzhavarKuzhu (Farmers Association).

Parambikulam - Aliyar Project Irrigation Channels

❖ During 2022-2023, 56 desilting works in Bhavani, Amaravathi and ParambikulamAliyar sub basins in Tiruppur, Erode and Karur Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.3 crore and 125 desilting works in ParambikulamAliyar Project Irrigation Channels in Coimbatore and Tiruppur Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.4 crore were completed.

- During 2023-24, 94 channel desilting works in Coimbatore, Erode, Karurand Tiruppur Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.4 crore were completed.
- During 2024-25, 26 channel desilting works in ParambikulamAliyar basin and Amaravathi and Lower Bhavani sub basin for an estimate amount of Rs. One crore were taken up for implementation and in progress.

Tamirabarani, Kodayar&Vaigai Basin

- During 2022-2023, 16 channel desilting works in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Madurai and Kanniyakumari Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.2.96 crore were completed.
- During 2023-2024, 41 desilting works in Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Thenkasi and Virudhunagar Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.4 crore were completed.
- During 2024-2025, 59 desilting works in Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Thenkasi, Kanniyakumari and Virudhunagar Districts for an estimate amount of Rs.4 crore is in progress.

Pre Monsoon Preparedness Works

- In 2021, 106 nos. of pre monsoon preparedness works for amount of Rs.14.21 crore in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Cuddalore Districts have been completed.
- In 2022, 122 nos. of pre monsoon preparedness works for amount of Rs.20 Crore in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Cuddalore Districts have been completed.
- In 2023, 103 nos. of pre monsoon preparedness works for amount of Rs.20 crore in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Cuddalore Districts have been completed.
- In 2023, 25 nos. of pre monsoon preparedness works for amount of Rs.4.89 crore in Chennai, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur Districts have been completed.
- In 2023, 12 nos. of pre monsoon preparedness works for amount of Rs.3.15crore in Adayar and Coovum River have been completed.

Flood Mitigation Works

- During 2022-2023, 8 flood mitigation works for widening of Adyar and Kosasthalaiyar, Improvements of water ways and formation of Drains for protecting the highly flood vulnerable areas in Varatharajapuram, Old perungulathur, Mudichur, Pallikaranai, Rayappanagar, Nandhivaram, Guduvanchery, Manali, Vellivoiyal, Kolathur and Madhavaram in Chennai and Kancheepuram Districts for an amount of Rs.250 crore taken up for implementation. 7 works were completed and 1 work is in progress.
- During 2022–2023, 8 flood mitigation works in highly flood vulnerable areas in Chennai and Chengalpattu Districts for an amount of Rs.184.22 crore were completed.
- During 2023–2024, 30 essential flood protection works in Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Mayiladuthurai, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar and Cuddalore Districts for an amount of Rs.506.30 crore are taken up and in various stages of implementation.
- During 2023–2024, additional 22 flood mitigation works in Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur and Chengalpattu Districts for an amount of Rs.350 crore are taken up and in various stages of implementation.
- During 2023–2024, Permanent Restoration of damaged structure during recent floods

in Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi, Ramanadhapuram and Virudhunagar Districts for 480 works for an amount of Rs.280 crore are taken up and in various stages of implementation.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

- TNIAMP is the follow on project of the successfully completed Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management (TN IAMWARM) Project for an revised estimate amount of Rs.3,249.12 crore. This Project was planned for implementation in 66 sub basins of the State. It covers for an extent of 5.43 lakh hectare over a period of 7 years starting from 2018.
- In this Project, it was planned to take up rehabilitation of 4,778 Tanks, 477 Anaicuts, artificial recharge wells in water spread area of tanks, improving drainage cum irrigation channels in Cauvery Delta and other sub-basins at an outlay of Rs.2,131.34 crore earmarked for Water Resources Department in four phases.
- Rehabilitation of flood affected 57 tanks and 2 Main Irrigation Channels for Rs.43.63 crore were taken up and completed.
- Phase I: Rehabilitation of 1,325 tanks, 107 anaicuts and construction of 42 artificial recharge wells in 18 sub basins for an amount of Rs.743.56 crore were taken up and 100% of rehabilitation works have beencompleted.
- Phase II: Rehabilitation of 903 tanks, 181 anaicuts and construction of 37 Artificial Recharge wells for an amount of Rs.649.55 crore in 16 sub-basins have been taken up. 99.6% of rehabilitation works have been completed.
- Phase III: Rehabilitation of 329 tanks, 56 anaicuts and construction of 16 Artificial Recharge wells for an amount of Rs.189.81 crore in 9 sub basins have been taken up. 86% of rehabilitation works have been completed.
- Phase IV: Rehabilitation of 12 tanks, 11 Anaicuts / Bed dam, 332 Km Supply Channel / Channel and 202 km Canals in 9 Sub basins for an amount of Rs.346.48 crore have been taken up. 82% of rehabilitation works have been completed.

Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies

- Rehabilitation works in 457 tanks (Phase IV, V, VI, VII, VIII & IX) for an amount of Rs.404.83 Crore have been taken up for implementation with the funding assistance of GoI (60% GoI share, 40% State share). Out of this, 217 tanks were completed and works in 240 tanks are in various stages of implementation.

Awards

National Water Award

- In 2022, Tamil Nadu has been awarded as '3rd Best State in Water Management' by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Union Government of India

World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS) Award

- In 2022, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) awarded Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department with 'World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS) Award'for 4 Irrigation Structures namely, Kalingarayan Anaicut & Channel System, Grand Anaicut (Kallanai Dam), Veeranam Tank and Lower Coleroon Anaicut, as global recognition.

- In 2023, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) awarded Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department with 'World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS) Award'for SrivaikunthamAnaicut as global recognition.

CBIP Award

- In 2022, CBIP awarded Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department with 'CBIP Award' for the best maintenance of Katchamangalam Anaicut (Minimum age-50 year).

World Water Award by Water Digest Magazine

- In 2023-2024, Water Digest, a leading national magazine of water management awarded Tamil Nadu, Water Resources Department with 'World Water Award' for excellence in institutional strengthening initiative in Dam Safety, which recognizes the new initiatives and efficient water management of TNWRD.

Legislative Assembly

- Centenary Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislature and Unveiling of Portrait of Former Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi was held on the August 2, 2021.
- A special Souvenir to commemorate the Centenary Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislature was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and was received by Hon'ble Speaker.
- For presenting the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, the Revised Budget and the first-time Agriculture Budget, for the year 2021-2022 were presented paperless in electronic mode.
- For the e-Budgets in the House, All-in-One PCs were fixed on the table and Touchscreen Tablet devices were also provided to the members which enabled them to view the Budget contents.
- As part of implementing "Paperless Assembly", the Hon'ble Members were provided with Touchscreen Tablet Devices (Samsung S7, Tablet) along with SIM cards.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated E-seva Centres in the Constituency Offices and provision of All-in-One PCs in all the 234 Constituencies in Tamil Nadu.
- Action had been initiated live telecast the assembly proceedings through Doordarshan and Tamil Nadu Cable TV's landing channel in 2022
- The videos clippings were provided to social media such as Youtube, X and Facebook through the Information and Public Relations Department.
- The special session convened on 08.02.2022 for exemption of NEET exam was also telecasted live throughout.
- An exclusive Youtube Channel for Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was started on 04.05.2022 for telecasting live the proceedings of the House.
- Proceedings regarding Reconsideration of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022 on 23.03.2023 was also fully telecast live. The special meeting convened on 18.11.2023 regarding Reconsideration of the Bills returned by Hon'ble Governor was also fully telecast live.
- Video clippings of 10 minutes of each day's proceedings in sign language done by a sign language interpreter is telecarted in You Tube

chennel through I&PR Department to benefit the hearing impaired persons.

- Budget for the year 2023-2024 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was live streamed in the National e-Vidhan Portal. Live Streaming of Question Hour is also being done.

- In order to implement Digital Live House application called e-Book has been launched and User-ID and Password for all the Hon'ble Members were created.

- An initiative was undertaken on 100th anniversary of the Assembly to completely digitize the entire documentary archives and records of this historic house from its inception in 1921. Digitization work is being done through Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency and 10 lakh pages of Assembly records have been scanned till now.

- The monthly pension to former MLAs and MLCs has been enhanced from Rs.25,000 to Rs.30,000 and Medical Allowance has been enhanced from Rs.50,000 to Rs.75,000 on the occasion of Kalaignar Centenary Celebration with effect from 01.06.2023. Further, the enhanced Medical Allowance has been paid in March, 2024.

- The eligible family pension to former Legislators as fifty per cent of such pension will be allowed.

- Setting up of a shuttle court, Strom water drain with platforms, Parks adjoining MLAs Residential Complex, Road linking Swami Sivananda salai and Walajah salai works were executed at the cost of Rs.4.29 crore by the Public Works Department for the use of MLAs were opened.

- Sanction order for Rs.99.48 lakh was issued for providing New Sofas, New Mattress with Pillows, New Bed Spread with Pillow Covers to all MLAs quarters and also to repair and replace the old furniture items in all MLAs quarters and the above works were completed by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board. Sanction order for Rs.1.83 crore was issued for construction of New Lift in the Annexure Building of MLAs quarters and work has been completed.

- Sanction order has been issued for Rs.64.92 lakh to install 84 CCTV Cameras at MLA's residential quarters for the security of MLA's with 30 days backup, by ELCOT and the works have been completed.

- Sanction order has been issued for Rs.11 lakh for the construction of an arch with the title of "Kalaignar Centenary Arch" in Tamil, to demarcate the precincts of House and decorate the entrance to quarters at Swami Sivananda Salai.

- Sanction order has been issued by Housing and Urban Development Department for

Rs.94.80 lakh for shifting 6 Transformers from MLAs Residential and former Legislators Hostel. The work is completed.

- "The Hero of the Legislative Assembly -Kalaignar" Celebration Committee organized seminars through the four Sub-Committees, from October 2023 to January 2024, in 120 schools and colleges in 37 districts across Tamil Nadu with 602 students participation. Certificates of appreciation were given to all the students who participated in these seminars.

Minerals and Mines

- Revenue generated from mineral resources is Rs.1,212.87 crore during the financial year 2021-2022 and Rs.1,679.83 crore in the financial year 2022-2023. During the financial year 2023-2024, the revenue to an amount of Rs.1,835.93 crore has been realized.

- An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Illegal MiningTransportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011 by the Government by inserting Rule 9A by installing CCTV cameras with a view to prevent the illegal transportation of minerals across the State and all the district borders. During the financial year 2021-2022, 7,454 vehicles were seized for illicit transportation of minerals. Similarly, during 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 4,952 and 5,245 vehicles were seized respectively.

- An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by the Government by inserting Rule 44 for extraction of Earth in ryotwari lands upto a depth of 1.5 m for improvement and betterment of agricultural lands that are not suitable for cultivation purpose for a period not exceeding 3 months by the District Collectors concerned. Provision has also been made under this rule for using the extracted brick earth for brick kilns on payment of seigniorage fee.

- The expired and the abandoned mines and quarries (436) pose a threat to the public and live stocks. Therefore, reclamation and rehabilitation of abandoned mines and quarries is of paramount importance considering the degree of danger. Therefore, the Chief Secretary to Government has instructed all the District Collectors to bring into use of all abandoned quarries mines in the State. In this regard, pilot study has been proposed to be conducted in Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram districts.

- The Government have inserted a new Rule 35 in Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 vide this G.O., thereby a Green Fund Committee have been created in 37 districts to secure, reclamation, restoration and rehabilitation of the abandoned quarries and mines.

- Accordingly, all the minor mineral lessees in addition to the seigniorage fee are contributing an amount at the rate of 10% of the seigniorage fee for the minerals that are transported within the State and 20% of the seigniorage fee from 23.02.2022 to 04.09.2023 and 50% of the seigniorage fee from 05.09.2023 for the minerals that are transported outside the State to the Green Fund. An amount of Rs.125.01 crore has been collected as Green fund upto 31.03.2024,

- An amendment has been made to Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Trust Rules, 2017 by substituting Rule 3 and modifying the composition of District Mineral Foundation Trust by including the Member of Parliament and Member of Legislative Assembly.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 crore for deployment of Drone Technology in the Department of Geology and Mining. Drone Technology is implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores for carrying out drone survey in the quarries/mines once in six months for regulating and monitoring of mining activities, volumetric analysis, lease boundary analysis, surveillance to curb illegal mining and various other applications.
- So far, 13 agencies have been empanelled for carrying out Drone survey and work orders are also issued. The agencies have submitted the reports to the District Officers and were forwarded to the Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Corporation for scrutiny. By conducting Drone survey, illegal mining/ quarrying will be identified and pilferage of revenue will be checked by imposing penalty.
- Granite waste accumulated in the quarry sites for many years will be disposed to augment revenue to the Government. An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by inserting sub rule (5-AA) in Rule 2 and sub rule 13 in Rule 8-A for disposing of Granite waste at the rate of Rs. 100/- per Ton as seigniorage fee.
- The Government has issued Standard Operating Procedures for disposal of Granite waste from the existing and expired leases in Government lands granted under Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. Preliminary meeting was conducted with Tvl. TAMIN Limited on 15.12.2023 and action is taken to measure the Granite waste available at the expired quarry sites using Drone. It is also proposed to auction the Granite waste through e-auction platform tender.tn.gov.in with the assistance of TvI.TAMIN Limited. Auction of Granite waste is under process and Government will get substantial revenue through auction.
- An amendment has been made to Rule 12(2-A)(f) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by extending the period of permission not exceeding one year for extraction of Silt and Gravel for any bonafide public purpose including the projects of National Highways Authority of India or State Highways or Railways. Due to this, the uninterrupted supply of minerals to the formation of roads by Highways and railway tracks by Railways is facilitated.
- A Fossil Geological Park will be developed at Perambalur district at a cost of Rs.10 crore to preserve the fossils-This Geo-Park is one of the best natural sites in the country as well as in the world to study the geological features which makes the place unique in the Geological history. The Government have taken sincere efforts to protect such natural heritage sites and to enable school and college students to understand past history of our earth. Hence, the Government sanctioned an amount of Rs.8.52 crore. An amount of Rs.7.89 crore has been transferred to PWD department for constructing Geo-Park. Further, the Government has accorded administrative sanction for acquisition of intervening Patta lands of 9.72.0 Ha and transfer of Poramboke land (402.43.0 Ha) to the Department of Geology and Mining. Therefore, the construction of Geological Park is under process and expected to be completed by July, 2024.
- An amendment has been made in Rule 36 (1-A) (e) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 by rescinding the prohibition of quarrying /mining activity within km radius of Reserve Forests. In the said rule 36, in sub-rule (1-A) clause (e) the expression “the National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Elephant Corridors” has been substituted for “the

National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, Elephant Corridors and Reserve Forests" so as to protect the interest of the quarry mine lessees and to augment the revenue to the Government.

- An amendment has been made in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules. 1959 in Rule 12 (2) (a) for desilting and quarrying Clay, Silt and Gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs permitting the District Collectors of Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts.
- Due to lack of availability of sand in the river beds, to promote usage of M-sand and to supply high quality M-Sand/ Crushed Sand to the public, M-Sand Policy, 2023 has been published by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.03.2023.
- Rule 43-A has been inserted after Rule 43 in Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 revising the rates of seigniorage fee for minor minerals w.e.f 05.09.2023. Further, a six-member Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Natural Resources Department and the Director of Geology and Mining as the Member-Convener. The Committee shall recommend to the State Government revising the rates of seigniorage fee. Area assessment, Dead Rent and Prospecting fee once in three years.
- The Department of Geology and Mining had allotted the work of development of Online Mineral Management System for Minor Minerals to TvI. TNEGA and had developed 16 mineral concession modules which facilitates online receipt of quarry lease applications, tracking of lease applications, scrutinizing and granting of lease applications through online.
- Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (TAMIN) has signed a MoU with IREL on 09.01.2023 for mining processing and marketing of beach sand minerals. TAMIN will form a Joint Venture Company with IREL and set up two mineral processing units which would generate a revenue of Rs.3,000 crore per annum. The Joint venture agreement was signed on 27.11.2023, New JV Company namely IREL TAMIN Ltd has been incorporated. Two Teri sand deposits in Thoothukudi District was identified and investigation works are in progress.
- TAMIN plans to expand its graphite business by scaling up the production of Graphite flakes from current capacity of 6,000 M.T. to 25,000 M.T. at the estimated project cost of Rs.460 crore.
- TAMIN operates fully on e-office since 21.03.2022 in TAMIN Head Office and from 19.05.2022 in all Divisional Offices and Factories.

Mines Awards:

- TAMIN has been awarded 9 first prizes, 10 second prizes and one overall performance prize during the Mines Safety Week celebrations in the year 2022-2023 by the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS) for various aspects like maintenance of safety, maintenance of pollution free, cleaner environment and scientific mining operations. During the year 2023-2024 TAMIN has been awarded 4 first prizes and 5 second prizes.
- In its efforts to be a model sustainable mining company, TAMIN spent Rs.112 lakh in 2022-2023 and Rs.17.5 lakh in 2023-2024 towards Corporate Environment Responsibility activities. Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources inaugurated TAMIN's mega plantation project on 28.09.2022 at Mahimandalam Quarry in Vellore District to plant 5,000 saplings. At present 7,000 saplings are planted and maintained.

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Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply

Hon’ble Minister for Municipal Administration

Thiru. K.N.Nehru

Directorate of Municipal Administration

Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam (KNMT)

❖ 138 Municipalities, 490 Town Panchayats and 6 newly formed Municipal Corporations have launched the “Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam (KNMT) with an annual allocation of Rs.1,000 crore.

Municipalities

❖ For 2021-2024, an amount of Rs.3,000 crore has been allocated to Municipalities and Town panchayats. A total number of 1,116 number of works at an estimate cost of Rs.1,785.19 crore has been sanctioned to Municipalities in which 710 works have been completed and remaining works are nearing completion.

Namakku Naame Thittam (Urban)

❖ In order to improve the self-support mechanism of public and to enhance increased public participation in creating and maintaining community infrastructures, the Government had launched Namakku Naame Thittam (Urban) from 2021. For the year 2021-2024, Rs.550 crore has been allocated to all Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats, in which 696 number of works at an estimate cost of Rs.109.55 crore have been sanctioned to Corporation (Except GCC) and

1,378 number of works at an estimate cost of Rs.169.52 crore have been sanctioned to Municipalities with a total public contribution amount of Rs.146.03 crore.

Urban Employment Scheme

❖ In order to improve the livelihood of the urban poor, the Urban Employment Program is being implemented in two zones in the Greater Chennai Corporation, one zone each in the other 14 Municipal Corporations, one municipality each in the 7 Municipal Administrative Zones in 7 municipalities, and one municipality in each of the 37 districts in 37 municipalities. So far 2.04 lakh people have been issued employment identity cards. Rs.75 crore has been received for the financial year 2021-2022. Rs.25 crore has been allocated for the year 2022-2023.

Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

❖ A Flag Ship Scheme of providing breakfast to all students studying from 1 to 5 classes was launched.

❖ 220 Local Bodies (Municipalities, Corporations and Town Panchayats) are implementing the Chief Minister's breakfast scheme in 2,256 schools containing 2.48 lakh students, with the financial allocation of Rs.65.26 crore.

Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0

❖ The main objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 is to sustain open defecation free status in all cities, to make all cities clean and garbage free and also to ensure proper treatment and disposal of faecal sludge or used water and reuse the treated water, and make all cities clean and garbage free.

Sanitation

❖ To achieve the Open defecation free status, 43,099 Individual House-hold latrines (IHHL) were sanctioned, out of which 34,293 toilets have been constructed and put in use.

❖ Construction of 419 public toilets has been approved on the principle of one toilet within every 500 meters. 354 community toilets were sanctioned in which 295 numbers have been constructed and are in use. Of the 523 Urinals that sanctioned, 413 have been constructed.

Solid Waste Management

❖ As per the guidelines of Swachh Bharat mission 2.0, 80 micro composting centre were sanctioned for constructed out of which 48 have been constructed. Construction 354 Windrows composting were sanctioned and 220 numbers have been constructed.

❖ Road sweeping machines were sanctioned to 5 Corporations to combat street littering and

air pollution caused by dust and debris on the roads.

- ❖ In Used Water Management component, 300 Cesspool tankers have been sanctioned.

Biomining

- ❖ 159 ULBs have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.979.34 crore for biomining projects.

Clean City Campaign

- ❖ Clean City campaign helps to ensure involvement of every citizen in the journey towards achieving garbage free and open defecation free cities. This campaign is conducted in seven thematic activities on every 2nd and 4th Saturdays and also to create awareness on cleanliness and Sanitation to bring behavioural changes among the public. So far 23,364 activities have been taken up by ULBs.

Swachh Survekshan 2023

- ❖ In the Swachh Survekshan 2023 conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Tamil Nadu has been recognized as the top-performing state in terms of achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. In the Swachh Survekshan 2023, all 649 urban local bodies (ULBs) in Tamil Nadu have attained ODF, ODF+, and ODF++ status. Further, 11 ULBs have been awarded the "Garbage Free City" certificate (one star) by the Housing and Urban Development Department.
- ❖ In all over India Swachh Survekshan 2023 State Rank, Tamil Nadu has moved from 22nd rank to 10th rank.

Procurement of Battery Operated Vehicles and Light Commercial Vehicles

- ❖ XVth Central Finance Commission grant sanctioned for purchase of 1,172 battery vehicles at a cost of Rs.24.66 crore and 968 light commercial vehicles at a cost of Rs.70.66 crore.

AMRUT 2.0

- ❖ AMRUT 2.0 was all Urban Local Bodies, 21 Corporations, 138 municipalities and 490 Town Panchayats will be benefitted under this scheme.

Corporation / Municipalities:(Except Chennai)

- ❖ 145 works in Tranche-I, at an estimated cost of Rs.2,235.71 crore.
- ❖ 199 works in Tranche-II, at an estimated cost of Rs.3,080.98 crore.
- ❖ 102 works in Tranche-III, at an estimated cost of Rs.1,196.50 crore.

AMRUT

- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, the Mission is being implemented in 28 cities viz., 26 cities with a population of more than 1 lakh and 2 towns of religious and tourist importance, namely, Velankanni and Rameswaram.
- ❖ In 27 corporations municipalities and town panchayats excluding the greater chennai corporation. So far 445 works, have been taken up at a cost of Rs.11,441.41 crore and 424 have been completed.

Smart City Mission

- ❖ The Smart Cities Mission has been launched by the Union Government in 2015 with the objective of promoting the cities that provide core infrastructure, a clean and sustainable environment and clean solutions for high standard of living of the people. And a decent quality of life to all citizens. Smart Cities Mission provides application of smart

solutions in providing service delivery on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act as a beacon to other aspiring cities. This scheme is leering implemented 11 corporations.

Allocation of Funds

- ❖ In 11 corporations of the state, viz. each city is provided with a financial assistance of Rs.1,000 crore under the Mission. 726 works have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.10,797.69 crore.

Roads

- ❖ Out of the 20,990 km long roads planned to be restored in four years, 16,370 km long roads are planned to be restored by consolidating funds from ongoing projects and the remaining 4,620 km of damaged roads are planned to be restored through a special fund of Rs.2,200 crore.

Bus Stands

- ❖ Funds have been allocated from the Infrastructure and Development Fund in each urban local body and 29 Bus Stand works have been taken up with a project estimate of Rs.825.51 crore.

Construction of New Bus Stands

- ❖ Under Infrastructure and Development Fund, 29 new Bus Stands are being implemented at a cost of Rs.825.51 crore.
- ❖ An allocation of Rs.31.43 crore was made under Kalaingnar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam and the 16 Bus Stand Construction works.
- ❖ Under Capital Grant Fund Rs.32.21 crore has been allocated and construction of 9 new Bus Stands.

New Office Building

- ❖ A special fund of Rs.56 crore has been allocated for the construction of new office

building / additional office building for 28 newly upgraded Municipalities.

- Administrative sanction has been accorded to these ULBs for constructing new office building / additional office building and all sanctioned works are progress in various stages.

- 15 Municipalities sanctioned new office building at an estimate cost of Rs.3.50 crore. Administrative Sanction has been given to Gudalur (Coimbatore) Municipality at an estimate cost of Rs.3.80 crore. Edanganasalai Municipality at an estimate of Rs.2 crore and Kottakuppam Municipality Rs.4 crore sanctioned for construction of new office building.

Additional office building

- Administrative Sanction has been given for construction of additional office building at an estimate of Rs.50 lakh to Surandai, Kalakadu and Kundrathur Municipalities, Rs.1 crore to Manamadurai and Ponneri Municipalities, Rs.2 crore to Karamadai Municipality and Rs.1.14 crore to Pugalur Municipality.

Other Development Works under special fund (2022-2023)

- Construction of overhead tank at a cost of Rs. one crore in Ponneri Municipality, Rs.1.50 crore for Kunradur Municipality.

- Construction of commercial complex and shops at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore for Manamadurai Municipality, Rs.2.22 crore for Madhukarai Municipality and Rs.86 lakh for Pugalur Municipality.

- Construction of community hall for Kalakadu Municipality at a cost of Rs.1 crore, and Marriage hall construction work for Surandai Municipality at a cost of Rs.1.88 crore, administrative sanction.

Underground Sewege Scheme in Municipal Corporations

- Underground sewerage scheme in 18 Municipal Corporations at a cost of Rs.9,386.23 crore.

Underground Sewerage Scheme in Municipalities

- Out of 138 municipalities, in 35 municipalities the underground sewerage system is implemented in selective wards of the city.

- Underground sewerage project works in the Rameswaram Municipality at a cost of Rs.52.60 crore, in the Ambur Municipality at a cost of Rs.165.55 crore, in the Dindivanam Municipality at a cost of Rs.268 crore, in the Ponneri Municipality at a cost of Rs.62.82 crore works are in progress.

- In addition in Mettur Municipality, Rs.10.78 crore has been for leftout areas and in added areas of Viluppuram Municipality, Rs.263 crore allotted the underground sewerage project has been allotted for and the the works are in progress.

Faecal Sludge Waste Treatment Plant

- Faecal Sludge Waste Treatment Plant in 41 cities (50 municipalities and 51 Town Panchayats) in the first phase. Works are in progress.

Water Supply Schemes

- 20 Municipal Corporations (excluding Chennai Corporation) and 138 Municipalities functioning in Tamil Nadu. As per the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, measures are being taken to implement the norms of

135 liters of drinking water per person per day should be provided in Urban Local Bodies with underground sewerage facilities, and 90 liters of drinking water per person per day in other municipalities.

❖ In order to improve drinking water supply, 18 works have been sanctioned under AMRUT 2.0 project costing Rs.6,495.75 crore. Under Capital Grant Fund Rs.74.71 crore has been allocated and 25 works are in progress.

❖ Rs.216.66 crore have been allocated under Kalaingar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam (KNMT).

Street Light

❖ Installation of LED street lights in 16 Municipal Corporations and 119 Municipalities for conversion of existing 3,31,895 street lights to LED lights at a cost of Rs.374.09 crore and installation of 77,667 new LED street lights in leftout areas at a cost of Rs.118.35 crore. The work is being carried out.

State Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (SUIDF)

❖ In 6 Municipal Corporations, installation of 33,660 new LED lights at a cost of Rs.64.81 crore and conversion of existing 17,704 street lights to LED lights at a cost of Rs.20.41 crore in 10 newly upgraded municipalities are taken up under the State Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (SUIDF).

❖ So far 3,92,271 street lights have been supplied and 2,53,907 street lights have been installed and 56% of the work has been completed.

Infrastructure and Development Fund

❖ Funds have been allocated from the Infrastructure and Development Fund. 29 Bus Stands have been constructed at a cost of Rs.825.51 crore in Local Bodies.

Capital Grants Fund

❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Capital Grant Fund Scheme as per the recommendation of the 6th State Finance Commission in order to carry out capital works.

Allocation of Funds

❖ Of the 1,207 works, 1,066 works have been completed and put in public use. Rs.1,202.78 crore has been allocated in the

year 2021-2022 for the corporations and municipalities.

School Improvement Grant

- As per the recommendation of the 6th State Finance Commission (6th SFC) from the financial year 2022-2023, construction of 136 new classrooms and toilets for schools in Corporations at an estimate of Rs.65.10 crore has been sanctioned and construction of 176 new classrooms and toilets in Municipal schools at an estimate of Rs.75.60 crore has been approved and work is in progress.

Allocation of Funds: Maintenance works

- Renovation works of 225 classrooms and toilets in Corporation schools at an estimate of Rs.39.06 crore and Renovation works of 310 classrooms and toilets in municipal schools at an estimate of Rs.45.30 crore are under progress.

6th State Finance Commission (SFC)

- Based on the recommendation of the Sixth State Finance Commission, a subsidy of Rs.60 crore has been allocated to the newly upgraded urban local bodies to provide better services.

- In 28 newly upgraded Municipalities and 6 Municipal Corporations, various infrastructure works have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.60 crore.

Tourism Grant

- As per the recommendation of 6th State Finance Commission (6th SFC) from the financial year 2022-2023, a special grant of Rs.16 crore has been allocated to Corporations and Municipalities to improve the basic facilities of tourist areas and high foot fall areas in Corporations and Municipalities.

Allocation of funds

- Rs.5 crore at the rate of Rs.50 lakh has been allocated to 10 Corporations with high rate of tourism and festivals and Rs.13 crore has been allocated for 26 Municipalities at the rate of Rs.50 lakh each (Fixed Grant) and for 42 urban local bodies (variable grant) of Rs.7 crore has been allocated for improving the basic facilities of tourist towns and work is being carried out.

Urban Sanitation

- The Sanitation Workers Welfare Scheme sanction of corpus fund of Rs.50 crore for the above scheme. In the above Rs.50 crore, Rs.10 crore towards contribution of State share and the balance of Rs.40 crore shall be met out from the ULBs.

- The survey of identification of sanitation workers is under progress and as on date 65,129 numbers of workers have been enumerated and 54,143 numbers have been checked by the QC team.

Urban Greenery

- In 41 urban local bodies, 57,505 trees have been allowed to be planted on 127.84 acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs.1.66 crore and so far 56,958 trees have been planted and are being maintained in an excellent manner.

Parks

- 233 Parks have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.101.65 crore under KNMT.

- Under AMRUT Scheme Rs.232.45 crore, 409 number of parks have been sanctioned.

- Under Capital Grant fund (CGF), construction of 4 parks has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.2.67 crore.

Library cum Knowledge Centre

- A 100 Library cum Knowledge centres were sanctioned in the key areas at an estimated cost of Rs.193.56 crore under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam (KNMT), Capital Grant Fund and Smart City.

Flood Mitigation Works

- To prevent flood damage in suburban areas of Chennai, Tambaram Corporation, Avadi Corporation and Mangadu, Kundrathur and Tiruverkadu Municipalities Rs.227.39 crore was accorded for 74 storm water drainage works for the length of 99.87 km.
- Thoothukudi Corporation to avoid rain water flooding by constructing storm water drainage and the work of constructing storm water drainage.
- The 1st phase of work was done under the Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project (TNUDP) at an estimated of Rs.230.90 crore for a length of 25.386 km, and the 2nd phase and 3rd phase of works under the Smart City Mission for an estimated of Rs.122.86 crore for a length of 56.359 km have been completed.
- Under the Infrastructure and Amenities Fund 2022-2023 scheme, construction of storm water drainage for a length of 43.094 km has been approved at an estimated cost of Rs.42.55 crore.
- Apart from this, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in block 4 will be constructed at a cost of Rs.82.98 crore for a length of 36.367 km and under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund 2023-2024 for a length of 3.700 km at a cost of Rs.12 crore.

Upliftment of Urban Poor

- In 20 Corporations and 66 Municipalities so far 112 new shelters and 35 shelter renovation works have been taken up for 142 shelters at a cost of Rs.78.16 crore under the Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihoods Mission, 79 shelters have been constructed in Greater Chennai Corporation. Construction of 37 shelters is in progress.
- So far permission has been given to purchase of 4,577 vending carts for street vendors in Corporations and Municipalities and all the carts have been purchased 900 vending carts have been procured.

Administration Reforms

Upgradation of Municipalities

- "Municipalities and Town Panchayats will be upgraded considering the factors like increasing population and urbanisation". Works for upgradation of 19 Municipalities have been taken up.

Appointment Orders on Compassionate Ground

- Appointment orders have been issued on compassionate grounds to 1,405 persons in the 20 Municipal Corporations and 138 Municipalities.

Online Services

Urban Governance (model city) component

- For Implementation of this Project, Funds Amounting to Rs.383.10 crore have been allocated for a period of 7 Years. Rs.356.48 crore is sanctioned to the Model Cities who have achieved the specified Mile Stones of the Project.

Technical Assistance for Urban Areas

E-governance in urban local bodies

- ❖ In order to handle Projects through E-Governance in Municipal Administration, "The Central Web Power Governing Application" amounting to Rs.18.31 crore is implemented in all 20 Corporations and 138 Municipalities.

Electrical assets management in the municipal Administration

- ❖ As a part of implementing Urban E-governance in Municipal Administration, Urban Tree Information System Application Software has been introduced. Once the property records are uploaded, a service providing real-time information about the properties is maintained in the software.

2023-2024

- ❖ Taxes of Municipal / Municipalities, a volume with graphical dashboard to monitor public services in all stages of the fields.

Namathu Sevaiyil Nagaratchi & Makkal Sevaiyil Managaratchi

- ❖ In order to ensure the availability of Essential services at their doorsteps, "Namadhu Sevaiyil Nagaratchi" and "Makkal Sevaiyil Maanagaratchi" Schemes are being implemented.

Makkaludan Muthalvar

- ❖ The Makkaludan Muthalvar scheme was implemented in 20 corporations and 138 Municipalities. The Petitions received in the Camp are disposed within 30 days.

Awards (2023-2024)

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has moved up from 22nd place in the state ranking list of cleanliness survey to 10th place in the present ranking list.

- Tiruchirappalli Corporation has topped the list of cities with a population of more than one lakh at the state level. At the state level, Maraimalainagar Municipality has topped the ranking list of cities under one lakh population. Kilvellur Town panchayat topped the list of cities with population less than 15,000.

Directorate of Town Panchayats

NABARD Scheme

- Under NABARD scheme, 515 Road works and 11 Bridge works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.602.10 crore.

Tamil Urban Road Infrastructure Programme

- Under TURIP Scheme, 594 Road works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.368.21 crore covering a length of 606.1 km.

Nagarpura Saalaigal Mempattu Thittam (NSMT)

- Under NSMT Scheme, 419 Road works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.306 crore covering a length of 754.04 km.

State Finance Commission (SFC)

- Under SFC Scheme, 165 Road works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.138 Crore covering a length of 256.49 km.

Conversion of Earthen to BT/PB/CC of Roads

- Under Conversion of Earthen to BT/PB/CC of Roads Scheme, 97 Road works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.104.69 crore covering a length of 137.57 km.

Capital Grant Fund

- Under CGF, 355 works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.569.66 crore.

Operation and Maintenance gap filling fund

- Under Operation and Maintenance gap filling fund 668 works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.212.99 crore.

15th Finance Commission Grant

- Under 15th Finance Commission Tied Grant, 5,516 works were taken up at an amount of Rs.405.04 crore and under Untied Grant, 3,009 works were taken up at an amount of Rs.271.31 crore.

15th Finance Commission - National Health Mission Works

- Under 15th Finance Commission National Health Mission Grant, 141 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.76.45 crore.
- Under Health and Hygienic food street, Mamallapuram and Velankanni Town Panchayats have been selected for scheme implementation at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (Urban) Housing for all scheme, 14,324 houses have been approved.

NULM

- Rs.2.57 crore has been allotted for identification of street vendors survey in order to improve the livelihood of 228 Street Vendors of Velankanni Town Panchayat of Nagapattinam District, vending carts at an estimated cost of Rs.1.88 crore are provided.
- Under Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH), one shelter has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.373.10 lakh in Velankanni.

PM-SVANidhi

- Under the PM-SVANidhi scheme, of the 99,782 applications received, 68,355 applications have been granted with loan.

Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam

- Under KNMT, 1,529 works have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.1,111.24 crore.

Namakku Naame Thittam

- Under Namakku Naame Thittam Scheme, 1,287 works like Roads, Rejuvenation of Water Bodies and Park development have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.148.34 crore.

Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme

- 87 Municipalities have been selected under the Tamil Nadu urban employment scheme at a cost of Rs.63.50 crore.

AMRUT 2.0

- Under AMRUT 2.0 water supply works, improvement of Parks and improvement/ rejuvenation of Water bodies works have been taken up at an estimated cost Rs.2,429.87 crore.

Street lights

- Tender has been called for conversion of existing 2,66,953 street lights into Energy Efficiency LED Lights in 439 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.155.56 crore under State Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.

Swachh Bharath Mission 2.0

- Under SBM 2.0, 41,858 Individual household toilets, 190 Community Toilets, 113 Urinals, 107 Bio mining sites, 8 used water management systems works, 1 SWM work, 10 septage management works, 354 wet wastage processing works and 113 dry waste processing works have all been done at an estimated cost of Rs.250.08 crore.
- 185 Cesspool Tankers sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.80.01 crore.

Sanitary Workers Development Scheme

- Under Sanitary Workers Development Scheme, 18,923 surveys have been conducted of which 2,656 quality check have been done and 829 surveys have been validated.

Tourism Grant to Urban Local Bodies under 6th SFC Recommendation

- Under Tourism Grant, fixed Grant of Rs.6 crore has been allocated to 12

Town Panchayats and variable grant of Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated to 28 Town Panchayats.

Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme

- ❖ Under Iyothee Thasa Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme, works for 336 basic amenities have been takenup in the schedule caste residential areas of Town Panchayats in 37 Districts at an estimate cost of Rs.51.82 crore.

Tribal Welfare Scheme

- ❖ Under Tribal Welfare Scheme, Rs.2.03 crore has been allocated for 89 works like Water Supply, Solar Lights and Street Lights for the Tribals residing in the Town Panchayats of 4 Districts.

Covid-19 Prevention and Control

- ❖ Prevention and Control of COVID-19 activities were carried out in all the Town Panchayats with the financial assistance of Rs.7.07 crore.

Awards

- ❖ On the occasion of Independence Day Celebration, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Award was given to Karunguzhi, Kanniyakumari and Sholavanthan Town Panchayats.
- ❖ On the occasion of Independence Day Celebration, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Award was given to Vikravandi, Alangudi and Veerakalpudhur Town Panchayats.
- ❖ On the occasion of Swachh Survekshan Award Ceremony, Kilvelur Town Panchayat was given Swachh Survekshan Award 2023 under zonal level award category.

Compassionate ground appointments

- ❖ Compassionate ground appointments have been issued to 88 legal heirs of deceased employees in administration of Town Panchayats.

Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board

Completed Water Supply Schemes

- ❖ 58 Water Supply Schemes covering 4 Corporations, 12 Municipalities, 41 Town Panchayats and 8,804 rural habitations in Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Tenkasi, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Kanyakumari,

Madurai, Tirunelveli, Theni, Tiruppathur, Tiruvallur, Krishnagiri, Ranipet, Erode, Salem, Karur, Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Nilgris districts benefiting a total population of 103.34 lakh have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.7,148.02 crore for providing protected water supply of 663.36 MLD.

Completed Under Ground Sewerage Schemes

- 12 Under Ground Sewerage Schemes, covering Thoothukudi Corporation, 5 Municipalities and 6 Town Panchayats in Thoothukudi, Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Erode, Coimbatore, Sivagangai, Virudhunagar, Theni and Chengalpattu Districts benefitting a total population of 9.99 lakh have been completed at an estimate cost of Rs.1,040.79 crore to treat 104.05 MLD of waste water.

Administrative Sanction accorded- New Schemes

Water Supply Schemes

- Administrative sanction was accorded for 38 Combined Water Supply Schemes covering 8 municipalities, 27 town panchayats and 11,903 rural habitations in 19 Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.15,155.89 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT 2.0, CGF, SUIDF and KNMT funding to benefit a population of 75.45 lakh.

Under Ground Sewerage Schemes

- Administrative sanction accorded for 6 Under Ground Sewerage Schemes covering 3 Corporations and 3 Municipalities in 6 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.1,768.08 crore under AMRUT 2.0, Kfw, Word bank, SBM and CGF funding to benefit a population of 5.96 lakh.

Detailed Project Report prepared schemes

- Detailed project report prepared for 13 Combined Water Supply Schemes covering 2 Corporations, 7 municipalities, 20 town panchayats and 14,519 rural habitations in 13 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.19,910 crore to benefit a population of 95.82 lakh and are in various stages of getting fund tie-up and Administrative Approval.
- The Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Project (Phase II), a prestigious scheme of Tamil Nadu is in the process of getting funds under EAP.

Retrofitting Works

- Administrative sanction was accorded for retrofitting of 56 Combined Water Supply Schemes under the maintenance of Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board at an estimated cost of Rs.1,658.35 crore to benefit a population of 50.76 lakh.

Greater Chennai Corporation

Public Health Department

Urban Primary Health Centers

- UPHC-140 Urban Primary Health Centres, are under functioning 46 UPHCs, 2 UCHCs and 1 EOCs are to be constructed. Construction has been completed in 5 UPHCs. Constructions of the 41 UPHCs are in different stages. Out of 2 UCHCs, 1 UCHC construction is nearly completed.
- 7 UPHCs have got NQAS certification from the Government of India. 88.30 lakh Outpatients were treated in UPHCs

Dialysis Center

- The Greater Chennai Corporation has established 9 dialysis centers functioning

under Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme. Currently 101 dialysis machines are functioning and 395 patients have benefitted from the above dialysis centers.

Polyclinics with Specialist services

- ❖ In 40 UPHCs, Polyclinics are functioning with specialist services and 1,42,886 patients have benefited.

Communicable Diseases Hospital

- ❖ 19,807 patients were admitted and treated at CDH. 2,52,818 OPD have benefited.
- ❖ This Institution also has a well-furnished RTPCR lab facility for COVID-19 testing. From 2020 to 2022, 8,160 patients with Covid were hospitalized and handled effectively without any mortality.

Urban Health and Wellness Centres

- ❖ 140 Urban Health and Wellness Centers (UHWCs) are functioning from 8 AM to 12 Noon and 4 PM to 8 PM. The total number of beneficiaries are 3,24,145 patients from June 2023 to January 2024.

District Blindness Control Society

- ❖ 1,40,292 free cataract surgeries were done. 1,014 glaucoma surgeries were done. 3,547 laser surgeries were done for diabetic retinopathy. 5,235 eye balls were collected. 11,623 school's students.

National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme

- ❖ 6,56,699 Patients were tested for TB. 44,213 patients were treated.
- ❖ Using 1,76,442 persons were screened 7 Mobile vans with X-ray facility. 156 persons were identified with TB and were treated.

Birth and Death Registration

- ❖ So far 2,17,62,813 birth certificates and 52,14,820 death certificates have been downloaded from the Greater Chennai Corporation Website.

Vector Control Activities

- ❖ 65 Vehicle mounted Fogging machines, 238 handheld fogging machines are being used to carry out Anti-adult mosquito activities.
- ❖ 362 handheld spraying machines, 202 battery sprayers, 2 mini fogging machines and 69 power sprayers are being used to spray larvicide in storm water drains, open drains and canals.
- ❖ 6 Drones have been procured to spray larvicide in waterways.
- ❖ 9 Fiber boats are being used to remove hyacinth plants and spraying Mosquito Larvicide Oil.

Shelter for Urban Homeless

- ❖ 38 shelters are functioning for the urban homeless and 13 special shelters are in Government Hospitals. Steps are being taken to construct the additional 29 additional shelters.

Veterinary Activities

- ❖ In Greater Chennai Corporation areas, 5 Animal Birth Control Centers are functioning to control stray dog population.
- ❖ 19,640 of stray dogs were caught and 14,855 stray dogs were sterilized and vaccinated against Rabies.
- ❖ In 4 Pet clinics centers 37,341 Pet animals have been treated and 1,497 pet licenses have been issued to pet owners.

- 4,237 stray cattle have been impounded and Rs.92,04,700/- has been collected from cattle owners as fine amount and remitted in to the treasury.

Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

- Home Based Health Care Services to ensure continuity of care and meet the health needs of beneficiaries.
- Women Health Volunteers (WHVs), Palliative Staff Nurses, and Physiotherapists deliver services at the doorstep.
- 57,26,685 patients were screened for Hypertension and Diabetes.
- Patients with both Hypertension and Diabetes patients were treated and follow-up services are being done.

Medical Service Department

- Under the Medical Services Department of Greater Chennai Corporation, in 15 Zones, 16 Urban Community Health Centers, 3 Emergency Obstetric Care Units, and 140 Urban Primary Health Centers are functioning with all equipments and laboratory facilities.
- 2.44 crore outpatients have been treated in Greater Chennai Corporation Hospital.
- 18,108 Normal Deliveries and 14,964 LSCS deliveries were conducted.
- 16,193 Sterilization procedures have been performed.
- 188 Vasectomy procedures have been performed.
- 2,567 Safe abortions have been performed.

- As per National Immnunization Schedule, all vaccines are given free of cost at Urban Health centers and during outreach sessions.
- B.C.G have been immunized to 2,10,223 children.
- Pentavalent, Rota virus and OP vaccine have been immunized to 2,20,293 children.
- Measles, Rubella have been immunized to 2,26,308 children.
- Cervical cancer early detection screening is being done for women in Greater Chennai Hospitals. 2,90,847 women were screened.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme

- Under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit scheme, in Government Hospitals, a sum of Rs.87.56 crore has been given 1,48,559 antenatal mothers.

Janani Suraksha Yojana Scheme

- A sum of Rs.97.99 lakh, under JSY scheme, has been given to 16,331 beneficiaries.

Education Department

- Construction of additional classrooms and renovation are done in 76 schools at an estimated cost of Rs.168.97 crore under Singara Chennai 2.0 project.
- Under the Nirbhaya scheme, toilet facilities are improvised for the benefit of girl children in 132 schools at a cost of Rs.23.66 crore and to handle sanitary napkins healthily, cupboards and dustbins are provided in 159 schools.
- Surveillance cameras have been installed in 159 schools to ensure the safety of girl children under the Nirbhaya scheme at a cost of Rs.5.47 crore.
- Under the Nirbhaya scheme, at a cost of Rs.6.91 crore, safe playgrounds/grounds are developed in 93 schools for the benefit of girl children to participate in various sports competitions with their physical abilities.
- STEM ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE has been started to provide direct and online coaching to the benefit of Chennai school students to prepare for competitive examinations. 36 students are studying in class 11 and 35 students studying in class 12 thus there are 71 students this year. Training is being provided at cost of one crore rupees.
- Greater Chennai Corporation has provided dual desks under the Smart City project at a cost of Rs.15 crore to the benefit of 15,000 students.
- ICT training was provided to 2,000 teachers at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- Under SFC Schemes, new classrooms are being constructed in 9 chennai schools.
- Community Colleges, run by Greater Chennai Corporation, are operating at two locations in Chennai. Computer Science, Health Care Assistants, Paramedical courses, Bakery and Sweets making and Jute bag making are the courses offered in these colleges.
- 211 Middle, High and Higher Secondary schools are to inculcate gender awareness among the students under the mentorship of trained teachers.
- Internet connections have been provided in 38 High schools and 32 Higher Secondary schools.
- Science exhibitions were organized in 281 chennai schools at a cost of Rs.20 lakh to improve the scientific spirit of the students.

- Provided Montessori equipment to 60 schools and Montessori training to 75 teachers.
- Under CITIS program, School Management System (SMS), Learning Resources Repository Management System (LRRMS) have been developed at Rs.59 lakh and School Leadership Development and Transformation (SLDT) training at the cost of Rs.2.45 crore provided to Head Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Senior Teachers of the schools in Chennai.
- In the first phase, 30 students from different schools are being trained in cricket and 60 students (one of the three schools is a female team) in football with the best coaches.
- The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme was implemented to the benefit of 5,520 students of classes 1 to 5 in 38 schools in Zones 1, 3, 4 and 5 during the last academic year. From 25.08.2023 onwards, scheme has been extended to cover 65,013 students studying in 356 schools across Zones 1 to 15 in Greater Chennai Corporation.
- Model United Nations (MUN) clubs and youth parliament clubs are formed in Chennai High and Higher Secondary schools.
- A "School Lending Library" has been set up in all Chennai schools.
- Morning worship is being conducted in English on Wednesdays and Fridays with the aim of giving more opportunities to develop English speaking skill among the students of Chennai schools.
- Under Namakku Naame Thittam in Chennai Municipal Schools, smart classes with internet facility are being set up in needy schools with public contribution at an estimate of Rs.2 lakh. In the first phase, 39 smart boards in 22 schools at a cost of Rs.39 lakh have been set.
- At schools in Chennai, happy classes are being held for 10 minutes every day during the first class hour.
- Medical camps are conducted once in three months in Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools.
- Under the Scheme of Providing First Aid Kits were to schools in Chennai provided at a cost of Rs.6.27 lakh.
- Counselling program for class 10 and class 12 students in schools at the Chennai, is being conducted regularly.
- 5,384 class 11 students have taken industrial visit and also a visit of different places like Aavin Milk Factory Sholinganallur, Periyar Science Centre, Birla Planetarium and Anna Centenary Library at a cost of Rs.11 lakh.
- The teachers who have produced 100% successful results in the class 10 and 12 Government examination have been taken to IIT Madras, American International School, Hogenakkal, Yercaud, Kodaikanal, etc., and in this 408 teachers have taken the tour at a cost of Rs.20 lakh.
- Science fairs were conducted at school level in which models were selected, both at the school and at the zonal and then at the all zone level and the best schools were selected and awarded prizes and certificates of appreciation.
- Public Address Systems were provided to 33 High and Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.29,60,616.
- Fire extinguishers have been installed in science labs and computer labs in Chennai schools at a cost of Rs.5 lakh.
- Musical instruments were provided to 20 schools at a cost of Rs.5 lakh.

- Automatic bells have been provided to 179 Chennai schools at a cost of Rs.27.05 lakh.
- Class 10 and 12 students participating in evening special class and remedial class will be provided evening meal (boiled chickpeas or pulses) from January 2024 onwards, till the end of examination (April 2024) at a cost of One crore rupees.
- 62 students scored centum in 71 various subjects in the Class XII board exam held in March 2023. These students were awarded Rs.10,000 each.
- Scholarships worth Rs.49 lakh were awarded to 259 students to pursue higher studies after their higher secondary education.
- As per CITIIS norms, School name boards, with newly designed logos for Chennai schools, have been fixed on the facades of schools of Greater Chennai Corporation in extended areas.
- All the students of classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Chennai High School and Higher Secondary Schools have been given T-Shirt at a total cost of Rs.62,06,647.
- In the academic year 2023-2024, a Career Guidance Programme was conducted for the students of the science department in the last week of June with the help of Inner Wheel of Madras. In this regard, E-Books have been sent to all class 12 students and they studied in the academic year 2022-2023 through their personal WhatsApp.
- A general transfer counseling was conducted for the teachers. This counseling helped 99 SG teachers, 78 BT teachers and 3 PG teachers to get transfered to the schools of their preference.
- In the schools at Chennai, 120 vacant teaching posts were filled.
- Surplus 195 SG teaching posts that are in at Chennai high and higher secondary schools have been converted into graduate posts with appropriate orders from the Government.
- At a cost of Rs.8 lakh, Chandrayan 3 model system was designed and two theaters were set up at CGHSS Nungambakkam. 10,000 students from Chennai school, visited this exhibition.
- More than 50 NGOs are implementing various projects such as Spoken English, Environmental Science, Robotics, STEM, Sports, Football Coaching, Life Skills, etc., at schools in Chennai collaboration with the Greater Chennai Corporation Education Department.

Solid Waste Management Department

- About 27 lakh cubic meters of waste is excavated and sorted out of total volume of 34.28 lakh cubic meters under the SBM scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.350.65 crore for the rehabilitation of zone 14 Perungudi garbage Dumping Ground.
- Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) on Zone 4 Kodungaiyur Dumping ground has been prepared at a cost of Rs.648.38 crore and Government approval has been accorded for implementation under SBM Scheme.
- 1,684 Battery Operated Vehicle with Lithium Ion battery have been procured and put in operation at a cost of Rs.42.38 crore for effective Door to Door collection of solid waste.
- 3,850 metal compactor bins with 1,100 litre capacity were procured and put in use at a cost of Rs.8.60 crore.

- 10,000 LLDPE bins of 100 litre capacity for the Battery operated Vehicles, to carry out at Door-to-door segregation were procured and put in use at a cost of Rs.1.72 crore.
- Bio-CNG plant was inaugurated at Madhavaram for processing wet waste, with capacity of 100 tonnes per day and was put in operation.
- Pyrolysis Plant was established in Zone-2 and put in operation.

Mechanical Engineering Department

- To improve the Conservancy Operations of Solid waste Management work in Zones 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of Greater Chennai Corporation, 59 HMV Garbage Compactors (14 Cu. M) and 30 LMV Garbage Compactors (8 Cu. M) have been purchased at a total cost of Rs.36.52 crore under Swachh Bharath Mission Scheme and were deployed for garbage collection.
- 1,684 Battery Operated Vehicle with Lithium Ion battery (Three Wheeler Vehicle) were procured at a total cost of Rs.30.28 crore under Swachh Bharath Mission Scheme and were deployed for door to door collection of Garbage.
- 15 Truck mounted She-Toilets were procured under Nirbhaya Fund at a total cost of Rs.4.36 crore and deployed in work.
- To catch the stray dogs and cattle within the limits of Greater Chennai Corporation 6 Dog catcher vehicles and 5 cattle catching vehicles are procured at a total cost of Rs.1.78 crore.
- 3 Hydraulic Operated Self Propelled Tree Pruning Machines were purchased at a total cost of Rs.87.18 lakh.

Storm Water Drain Department

Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain (Kosasthalaiyar Basin)

- Rs.2,090 crore construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain in Kosasthalaiyar Basin has been taken up under Asian Development Bank (ADB) fund for a length of 769 km at an estimated cost of Rs.3,220 crore in 46 packages. About 30 lakh people will be benefitted.

Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain (Kovalam Basin)

- Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain in Kovalam Basin had been taken up under KfW German Development Bank fund for a length of 360 km at an estimated cost of Rs.1,714 crore in 3 phases.
- In the first phase, construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain had been taken for a length of 39.78 km in 3 packages at an estimated cost of Rs.150.45 crore. So far 79% of the works have been completed.
- In phase II, construction had been taken up for a length of 120.55 km in 9 packages at an estimated cost of Rs.447.03 crore.
- In phase III, construction has been taken up for a length of 140.70 km in 9 packages at an estimated cost of Rs.760.10 crore 9 lakh people benefitted.

Demolition of dilapidated storm water drains and construction of new storm water drains and construction of missing link storm water drains

- Construction of storm water drains for a length of 44.88 km at a cost of Rs.120 crore under World Bank fund.

- Under Infrastructure and Amenities Fund, storm water drains have been constructed for a total length of 9.81 km at a cost of Rs.26.28 crore.
- Under the Capital Grant Fund, storm water drains have been constructed for a total length of 2.05 km at a cost of Rs.7.40 crore.
- Under the Singara Chennai 2.0, storm water drains have been constructed for a total length of 55.71 km at an estimated cost of Rs.254.61 crore.
- Under the Flood Relief Fund, storm water drains have been constructed for a total length of 107.59 km at an estimated cost of Rs.291.06 crore.
- Construction of storm water drain for a length of 59.49 km at an estimated cost of Rs.232.35 crore was taken up under the State Disaster Management Fund (SDMF).
- Under Capital Fund, stormwater drain has been constructed for a length of 10.70 km at an estimated cost of Rs.31.27 crore.

Restoration of waterbodies

- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Restoration of 20 waterbodies at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore.
- Under AMRUT 2.0, Restoration of 5 waterbodies at an estimated cost of Rs.14.48 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Restoration of 24 water bodies done at an estimated cost of Rs.13.56 crore for the year 2023-2024. LOA has been issued in 5 packages.

Roads department

Bus Route Roads

- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Scheme, these are 218 Bus Route Roads to a length of 149.75 km at an estimated cost of Rs.154.28 crore.
- Under Special Road Programme scheme, 57 Bus Route Roads to a length of 34.83 km at an estimated cost of Rs.84.57 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme, 95 Bus Route Roads to a length of 63.63 km at an estimated cost of Rs.62.64 crore.
- Under NSMT scheme, 37 Bus Route Roads to a length of 24.06 km at an estimated cost of Rs.24.95 crore.
- Under SFC scheme,15 Bus Route Roads to a length of 13.09 km at an estimated cost of Rs.11.82 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, 4,681 Street Name Boards have been set up at a cost of Rs.8.43 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Beach walk way was built for differently-abled persons in Marina beach at an estimated cost of Rs.1.14 crore.

Interior Roads

- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Scheme, 3,087 Interior Roads to a length of 541.95 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.252.18 crore.
- Under CMCDM Scheme, 710 Interior Roads to a length of 95.54 km at an estimated cost of Rs.49.40 crore.
- Under TNUDF Scheme, 279 Interior Roads to a length of 47.66 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.18.88 crore.
- Under Special Road Programme Scheme, 1,102 Interior Roads to a length of 169.44 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.70.40 crore.

- Under SDRF Scheme, 646 Interior Roads to a length of 111 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.65.97 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme, 439 Interior Roads to a length of 58.93 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.31.55 crore.
- Under NSMT scheme, 3,577 Interior Roads to a length of 542.21 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.324.73 crore.
- Under SFC scheme, 199 Interior Roads to a length of 29.78 km were built at an estimated cost of Rs.24.04 crore.

Bridges Department

- Totally 20 works such as Bridges, Flyovers, ROB, Skywalk, Subway, Box culvert and Retrofitting of bridges have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.724.53 crore.
- The construction flyover is to be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.195.19 crore.

Special Projects department

- Supply of sanitary napkins to female students of GCC schools under Nirbhaya fund is being provided at a cost of Rs.4.79 crore.
- Under Nirbhaya fund three consultants have been appointed for Gender and Policy Lab Development in Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.4.03 crore.
- Under Nirbhaya fund, the Improvement of GCC school toilets are being carried out by Zones at an estimated cost of Rs.18.87 crore.
- Under Nirbhaya fund, Development of GCC playgrounds is underway in 17 schools at a cost of Rs.4.06 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Construction of 3 Animal Birth Control Centers at an estimated cost of Rs.19.72 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Conservation, Revitalisation and Seismic Retrofitting of Victoria Hall at an estimated cost of Rs.32.62 crore.
- Under Smart City Fund, Establishment of Additional Pond at Villivakkam tank at an estimated cost of Rs.7.90 crore.
- Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) of Public Convenience Toilet in Zone 5, 6 and 9 (Marina) at an estimated cost of Rs.430.11 crore for 9 years.
- Under JICA fund, Implementation of Intelligent Transport Systems Project in Chennai Metropolitan Area at a cost of Rs.530 crore.
- Under Mega Streets Projects, Construction of Pedestrian Plaza at Khadar Nawaz Khan Road at an estimated cost of Rs.19.81 crore.
- Under Mega Streets Projects, Construction of Pedestrian Plaza at Monegarchoultry road at an estimated cost of Rs.26.23 crore.
- Under the Smart City project, e-classrooms were set up in 28 schools at an estimated cost of Rs.1.75 crore.
- Under the Smart City project, Restoration of Villivakkam tank and stainless steel handrails along the bunds of Villivakkam tank with lighting arrangements were completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.38.14 crore.
- Under Smart City project, Construction of suspension bridge in the middle of Villivakkam Lake was completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.7.44 crore.
- Under Smart City project, installation of single and three phase smart meters in ABD area of smart city were completed, at a cost of Rs.78.55 crore.

- ❖ Under Smart City project, Expansion of drinking water supply in ABD area under Metropolitan Chennai Corporation was completed, at a cost of Rs.57.82 crore.
- ❖ Under Smart City Scheme, Command and Control disaster response center/Smart Governance Centre Green Building has been completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.57.76 crore.
- ❖ Under CITIIS scheme, 28 schools have been refurbished at a cost of Rs.72 crore.
- ❖ School leadership, Happy Class Room and skill development trainings have been provided to 600 Head teachers under CITIIS program at an estimated cost of Rs.2.45 crore.
- ❖ Information and Communication Technology training has been imparted to teachers through Anna Management Center under CITIIS program at an estimated cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- ❖ Dedicated preparatory program for JEE, NEET examinations is being provided to 80 students of Class XI and XII under CITIIS scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.93 lakh.
- ❖ Under NNT Scheme, 10 modernized electronic classrooms (Smart Class Room) have been set up at an estimated cost of Rs.57 lakh.
- ❖ Under TURIF Fund, 2.1 km length of Public space with leisure cycle track and vibrant landscape along the B.Canal form Kasturbai MRTS to Thiruvanmiyur MRTS station has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore.

Electrical Department

- ❖ Under Singara Chennai 2.0 Scheme, illumination of Ripon Building with (RGB) dynamic lightings at an estimated cost of Rs.1.81 crore is completed.
- ❖ Under the Nirbhaya Scheme, 13,611 Street Light posts with 12,245 LED Fittings are being provided at an estimated cost of Rs.73.07 crore.

Parks and Playfields Department

- ❖ In order to beautify Chennai city and to enhance green coverage, Greater Chennai Corporation in co-ordination with Residential Welfare Association have planted 5,67,709 tree saplings.
- ❖ Under the Singara Chennai scheme, 196 parks for an amount of Rs.72.16 crore was taken up.

Playfields

- ❖ In Greater Chennai Corporation, Under the Singara Chennai scheme, 106 playfields were taken up for an amount of Rs.43.20 crore. 53 sports stadium works have been completed.

Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust Department (CRRT)

- ❖ The work of providing permanent fencing along both sides of the banks of Adyar river from Thiru. Vi. Ka. Bridge, to Airport Runway Bridge to a length of 24.67 km has been completed at a project cost of Rs.66.16 crore.
- ❖ On the Thiru. Vi. Ka. Bridge to Kottupuram Bridge, around 72,600 native saplings at an estimated cost of Rs.13.78 crore.
- ❖ The work of providing permanent fencing along both sides of the banks of Cooum river from Napier Bridge to Maduravoyal bypass road to a length of 20.54 km has been completed at a project cost of Rs.45.68 crore.
- ❖ Formation of maintenance way with 49,800 riverine plantation along the banks of Cooum river from Napier Bridge to Maduravoyal

bypass road has been taken up at a project cost of Rs.7.13 crore for a length of 11.30 km.

- Roadside park and beautification works to be carried out at 6 locations at a cost of Rs. 4.5 crore.

Buildings Department

Completed Works

- 16 urban primary health center have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.48.17 crore.
- 8 Night Shelter have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.5.76 crore.
- 2 School building have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.3.37 crore.
- 5 Lorry Station improvement work have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.3.80 crore.
- ITI (Industrial Training Institute) building work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.78 lakh.
- MGR nagar LPG Crematorium has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.3.26 crore.
- Electronic voting machines storage room work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.9.08 crore.
- Anganwadi at Mannadiamman Kovil Street work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.30 lakh.
- Division Office building (Division – 178) Work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.67 lakh.
- Art and Culture building at Luz Avenue work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.2.41 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, slaughter house at Saidapet has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.1.43 crore.
- Night shelter work at Kamdhar Nagar under the Nirbhaya scheme has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Construction of 18 school buildings under Singara Chennai 2.0, work have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.29.20 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 project, improvement and conversion of 10 LPG system Crematoriums work have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.6.14 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0 project, Conversion of 22 LPG system Crematoriums work has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.15.80 crore.

Ongoing Works

- Construction of 2 Urban Community Health Centers work have been completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.11.40 crore.
- Kodungaiyur Dumping Ground improvement work has been completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.6.30 crore.
- Construction of Fish market at Loop Road has been completed, at an estimated cost of Rs.14.07 crore.
- Under the NNT & NULM Scheme construction of Mothers waiting room and Canteen Building have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.5.89 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, Fish market has been set up at Chindathiripet at an estimated cost of Rs.2.68 crore.

- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, construction of 5 school buildings at an estimated cost of Rs.21.36 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, construction of 19 School Buildings have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.69.27 crore.
- Under Singara Chennai 2.0, construction of 5 crematoriums have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.6.59 crore.
- 15 crematoriums were built at an estimated cost of Rs.22.56 crore and 6 community halls at an estimated cost of Rs.46.61 crore.

General Department

- In Greater Chennai Corporation, 26,765 petitions were received and 24,358 petitions have been resolved through the "Mudhalvarin Mugavari" Department.
- In Greater Chennai Corporation 3,650 petitions have been received and 3,104 petitions have been resolved through the "Makkaludan Mudhalvar" camp.

Revenue Department

Tax collection

- Rs.1,300 crore towards Property Tax and Rs.340 crore towards Professional Tax (totaling Rs.1,640 crore) have been collected.

Community Center

- The technical facility has been implemented for the public to book the social welfare center by paying the fee through the website.
- Thiru. Vi. Ka. Nagar Community center with air conditioning and modern facilities have been provided at the lower rent and is being used by the poor and poor people for conducting their auspicious events.

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board

- CMWSS Board for the first time in the past 43 decades, commenced supplying 1,000 MLD of water to the citizens of the city from September 2021. Prior to that, the maximum quantity supplied was only 830 MLD.
- CMWSSB took all the ef forts to clear the stagnated rain water in the inundated places of the city during the North-East Monsoon 2022, by engaging 60 sucker machines, 177 jet rodding machines to clean the obstruction in the sewer system, 300 desilting machines and 2,000 field workers in the flood mitigation works. Additional 47 sewer lorries from other districts and 1,271 dewatering pump sets were engaged to clear the water.
- Edayanchavadi, Sadayankuppam, Mathur, Kadapakkam and Jalladampettai at a cost of Rs.107.74 crore have been completed and brought to public use. 76,749 people will benefited.
- Additional sewage pumping station at Nilamangai Nagar, Alandur at a cost of Rs.25.52 crore have been completed and brought to public use. 2.50 lakh people will benefited.
- Commissioning of 10 lakh liters of Secondary Sewage Treatment Plant on the banks of Coovam River – Chetpet under Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust (CRRT) at a cost of Rs.3.29 crore.
- Underground sewerage project of Madipakkam area at a cost of Rs.256.90 crore.
- Construction of 120 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant at Kodunkaiyur including Operation and Maintenance for 10 years at an estimated cost of Rs.170.97 crore.

- Comprehensive Water Supply scheme for Puzhal, Budhagaram, Surat and Kathirvedu Area at an estimated cost of Rs.82.61 crore.
- Construction of one crore liters Daily Tertiary Treatment Ultra Filtaration plant (TTUF) from Nesapakkam and 60 lakh liters Daily Capacity Fresh Water Treatment Plant (WTP) near Porur Water Distribution Station at an estimated cost of Rs.47.24 crore.
- Under the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund, construction of Interception and diversion of sewage mixed with drains of Adyar and necessary construction works at an estimated cost of Rs.16.16 crore.
- Under the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund, provision of Sewerage system and construction of SPS for Radhakrishnapuram slum and laying of Interceptor in Turn Bulls Road and Laying Interceptor in Nandanam Extension at an estimated cost of Rs.6.36 crore.
- Under the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund, sewage outfalls plugged in Mambalam canal behind Anna Centenary library to the 4 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant at Todd Hunter Nagar at an estimated cost of Rs.5.04 crore.
- Interceptors and Diversion of sewage at Guindy and Ekkattuthangal areas at an estimated cost of Rs.18.73 crore.
- Under the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund, laying of Interception and Diversion of sewage at Samiyar Thottam and Jafferkhanpet areas to sewage treatment plants at an estimated cost of Rs.10.62 crore.
- Construction of Modular Sewage Treatment Plant with a capacity of 0.6 MLD to treat sewage mixed with Adyar drain under Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund at an estimate cost of Rs.4.31 crore.
- Construction of 4 MLD capacity sewage treatment plant at Todd Hunter Nagar to treat sewage mixed with Adyar through Mambalam canal at an estimated cost of Rs.14.21 crore.
- Chennai Metropolitan Drinking Water Supply and Sewerage Board head office was renovated at a cost of Rs.24.92 crore and in the renovated building, monitoring and control center was set up at a cost of Rs.1.13 crore.
- Comprehensive water supply scheme for Manapakkam area in Alandur Zone, Ward-157 were completed. 46,700 people will be benefited at a cost of Rs.19.98 crore.
- Comprehensive water supply scheme for Uthandi area in Sholinganallur Zone were completed. 8,940 people will be benefited at an estimated of Rs.24.85 crore.
- Comprehensive water supply scheme for Okkyam Thoraipakkam area in Sholinganallur Zone have been completed. 1,50,000 people will be benefited at an estimated cost of Rs.73.61 crore.
- Valasaravakkam Zone (Part), 24 hours consistent water supply for Ward-149, Ramakrishna Nagar was completed at a cost of Rs.41.97 crore. 43,800 people will be benefited.
- Comprehensive Underground sewerage scheme for Ward-157, Manapakkam Riverview Colony in Alandur Zone was completed at a cost of Rs.22.40 crore. 11,910 people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive underground Sewerage Scheme for Ramapuram Tamil Nagar and Alankulam areas in Valasaravakkam Zone were completed at a cost of Rs.32.29 crore. 42,570 people will be benefited.
- Under Valasaravakkam Zone, Nerkundram Underground Sewerage Scheme (Part), Sewage Pipes, Sewage pumping main and Sewage Pumping Station for Valliammai Nagar and N T Patel Road areas were completed at a cost of Rs.51.98 crore. 79,983 people will be benefited.
- Sewage Treatment Plant in Kodunkaiyur with a treatment capacity of 120 MLD with continuous batch reactor method was completed at a cost of Rs.170.97 crore. About 7.5 lakh people will be benefited.
- New Sewage Treatment Plant of 50 MLD capacity with continuous batch reactor method at Nesapakkam has been completed at a cost of Rs.74.12 crore. About 5 lakh people will be benefited.
- Enlargement of Sewer Pipeline in Ward-89 and Ward-92 Mogappair Road of Ambattur Zone was completed at a cost of Rs.2.62 crore. About 1,500 people will be benefited.
- Construction of Sewage Pumping Station and laying of pumping main at Ward-158 Nandambakkam area in Alandur Zone to prevent mixing of sewage in Adyar River was completed at a cost of Rs.4.18 crore. 20,000 people will benefited.
- Under the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust fund, Kodambakkam Zone, MGR Nagar canal area rehabilitation works were completed at a cost of Rs.2.23 crore. About 2,000 people will benefited.
- Construction of Sewage Pumping Station and laying of pumping main Ward-93 of Ambattur Zone, to prevent the mixing of sewage in Padikuppam Canal, was completed at a cost of Rs.1.77 crore. About 38,256 people will be benefited.
- Foundation stone was laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 21.08.2023 for setting up a 400 MLD capacity desalination plant at Perur which is the first ever biggest in South Asia at a cost of Rs.4,276.44 crore.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for Neelangarai and Semmencherry water supply schemes at a cost of Rs.112.67 crore.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for implementing new Underground Sewerage Schemes for 16 areas at an estimated cost of Rs.2,195.78 crore.
- Works are under progress in Nandhambakkam, Injambakkam, Kotivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelangarai and Uthandi. For the balance Underground Sewerage Schemes of Okkiyam Thoraipakkam, Puzhal, Mathur, Theeyambakkam, Vadaperumbakkam, Semmencherry, Edayanchavadi, Sadayankuppam, Kadapakkam areas and left out streets of Madhavaram are in tender stage.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded at a cost of Rs.45.68 crore under Singara Chennai 2.0 fund to permanently solve the deficiencies in the sewerage structure by improving the sewage collection system from Ashok Nagar Sewage pumping Station to Nesapakkam Sewage pumping Station along Anna Main Road in Kalaignar Karunanidhi Nagar.

❖ Under the Adyar river restoration project, 7 interception and diversion works and 3 prototype sewage treatment plants are being constructed to prevent direct mixing of sewage at 39 places in Adyar river at a cost of Rs.125.71 crore.

❖ 36 works are being carried out in the first phase to prevent the sewage outfalls in the drains of Adyar, Couvam and Buckingham Canal, at a cost of Rs.364.80 crore. Out of these, 28 works have been completed and 8 works are in progress.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for Rs.52.69 crore under AMRUT 2.0 scheme for enlarging the sewerage structures and setting up of sewage pumping stations in Area 9 of Thousand lights constituency for solving the frequent sewage overflow problems.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded for Rs.18.19 crore under AMRUT 2.0 scheme, for implementing underground sewerage facilities to Annai Satya Nagar, Sivananda Colony, MKB Colony and Padavettamman Industrial Estate in Zone 7 under Greater Chennai Corporation.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded under AMRUT 2.0 scheme for strengthening of existing sewage pumping main from Tondaiarpet F sewage pumping Station to Kodungaiyur Sewage Treatment Plant at a cost of Rs.101.58 crore to prevent mixing of sewage in Buckingham Canal.

❖ Administrative sanction has been accorded at a cost of Rs.43.01 crore under Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme for the installation of smart meters in water treatment plants, water distribution stations and water filling stations to detect the huge losses during water supply.

❖ The following 39 machineries have been procured from the Union Government's Swachh Bharath Project Fund at an estimated cost of Rs.9.20 crore to create a

safe and hygienic working environment for sanitation workers using modern techniques and equipments in solid and liquid waste management.

- Administrative sanction has been accorded at a cost of Rs.122.63 crore under AMRUT 2.0 scheme for the improvement of the existing sewerage system in Alandur area (Zone 12) due to frequent damages in sewerage system and the public have been greatly affected.

- Comprehensive water supply scheme for Lakshmipuram, Madhavaram Booster, Madhavaram Bus Stand and Co-operative Nagar of Madhavaram was completed at a cost of Rs.44.35 crore. Around 2.48 lakh people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive water supply scheme for AVK Nagar and Lakshmi Nagar of Nerkundram area was completed at a cost of Rs.11.12 crore. About 34,970 people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive water supply scheme for depots 154 and 155 of Ramapuram were completed at a cost of Rs.52 crore. About 80,500 people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive Underground Sewerage scheme for Indira Nagar, Macro Marvel, Sahaj Enclave, Sethu Lakshmi Nagar, Satya Nagar of Manapakkam area was completed at a cost of Rs.22.40 crore. About 14,800 people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive Underground Sewerage scheme for Gangaiyamman Koil Street of Nerkundram area was completed at a cost of Rs.26.46 crore. About 32,292 people will be benefited.

- Construction of 5 MLD capacity Sewage Pumping Station and allied works at depot 162 – Kannan Colony of Alandur Zone was completed at a cost of Rs.10.55 crore. About 7,500 people will be benefited.

- Enlargement of sewage pumping main (300 mm dia to 450 mm dia cast iron pipes) from Villivakkam 'B' Sewage Pumping Station to Villivakkam Thadagam Sewage Pumping Station of Anna Nagar Zone has been completed at a cost of Rs.5.36 crore. Around 47,718 people will be benefited.

- Comprehensive Underground Sewerage scheme for Bharati salai, Amman Nagar of Ramapuram was completed at a cost of Rs.32.12 crore. About 37,930 people will be benefited.

- The two new Integrated Underground Sewerage schemes have been introduced at a total estimated cost of Rs.278.97 crore.

- 53 employees who died during their service in Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the posts of Office Assistant, Field Worker.

- Under "Mudhalvarin Mugavari" scheme, 15,352 petitions have received. In this, action has been taken on 15,091 petitions and the remaining are in process.

- Under "Makkaludan Mudhalvar" scheme, action has been taken on 1,173 petitions that were received.

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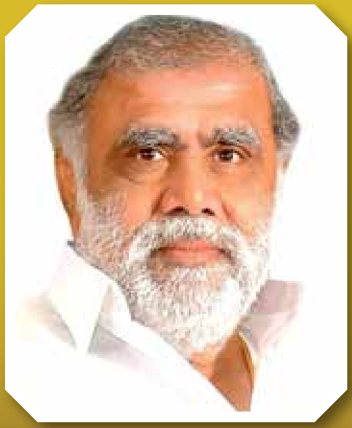
Rural Development, Panchayats and Panchayat Union



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Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

Panchayat Raj Institutions:

New initiatives.

- Enhancement of monthly honorarium to Village Panchayat Presidents from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,000 to acknowledge their contribution to Panchayat Administration.
- 644 Village Secretariat buildings have been taken up to ensure convergence of all the schemes of various Departments at the Village Panchayat level and 192 Village Secretariat buildings have been completed.
- IT Infrastructure at Village Panchayats have been created by procuring Desktop computers, Printers and uninterrupted power supply devices in all the 12,525 Village Panchayats to ensure better IT infrastructure in every Panchayat.
- e-Governance initiatives in Panchayats like creation of Online Tax portal (VP Portal) link (https://vptax.tnrd.tn.gov.in) to collect House Tax/ Property Tax, Water Charges, Professional Tax, Trade licenses and Non Tax revenues etc.

- Enhancement of conduct of statutory Grama Sabhas from 4 times to 6 times. The additional Grama Sabha will be conducted on World Water day (March – 22) and Local Body day (November – 1) on every year.

- Enhancement of powers of Administrative Sanction of Village Panchayats from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.5 lakh, Block Panchayats from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.25 lakh and that of the District Panchayats Power from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.50 lakh.

- The Sitting charges to elected representatives of three-tier Rural Local Bodies have been enhanced from the existing level upto 5 to 10 times.

- Every year on 1st November designated as Local Body day which will be commemorated by all three tiers of Local Bodies and an additional mandatory Grama Sabha will be held on this day.

- Uthamar Gandhi Award has been reinstituted to felicitate the best-performing Village Panchayats in the State with Rs.10 lakh as cash reward, which will be conferred on 37 Village Panchayats at one Village Panchayat per District.

- Reinstitution of Corporate Social Responsibility Award to motivate the institutions and Corporates to contribute their financial, Technical resources for the betterment of rural areas.

- State Nodal Account (SNAs) for Grants and Revenues to ensure better administration at the Village Panchayat level by reducing the workload and to operate the Accounts at ease.

- Necessary steps to procure new vehicles to all the 388 Panchayat Union Chairpersons are being carried out and it is nearing the completion stage.

- The Government has allocated and released an amount of Rs. 5 crore for the welfare of the Sanitary workers working in rural areas through the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board.

- The automation in operation and maintenance of street lighting system through Internet of Things (IoT) in rural areas is piloted in two Village Panchayats namely Mambakkam in Chengalpet and KarungaduVillage Panchayat in Tirunelveli District.

- A help desk is being established at the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj with a toll free number (155340) to redress the grievances of the Public and elected representatives and this help desk will work 24 X 7 on all days.

Namma Grama Sabai App

- The Department has launched a new mobile application "Namma Grama Sabai" to monitor the conduct of Grama Sabhas. The application is user-friendly and captures the details of the Quorum of the Grama Sabha, Resolutions passed in the Grama Sabha, Nodal Officers present during the Grama Sabha, Timing of Grama Sabha, Participation of Line Department officials and Photographic evidences of the conduct of Grama Sabha. By utilising the above app the details of Grama Sabhas conducted on August 15, 2022 have been captured and monitored.

15th Finance Commission

- Out of 3,20,813 works taken up in Village Panchayats, 2,35,691 works have been completed. Out of the sanctioned amount Rs.6,708.36 crore, an expenditure of Rs.4,726.14 crore has been incurred.

- Out of 39,852 works taken up in Block Panchayats, 30,741 works have been completed. Out of the sanctioned amount Rs. 1,344.03 crore, an expenditure of Rs.944.89 crore has been incurred.

- Out of the 9,419 works taken up in District Panchayats 7,518 works have been completed. Out of the sanctioned amount Rs.437.33 crore, an expenditure of Rs.337.47 crore has been incurred.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

❖ This Scheme guarantees maximum of 100 days of unskilled wage employment to a Household in a financial year.

❖ For the year 2021-2022, 31.14 crore person days, 34.57 crore person days have been achieved with the total expenditure of Rs.9,795.62 crore. 79,818 Differently-abled persons have worked in this scheme. 2,23,919 households have completed 100 days of wage employment.

❖ For the year 2022-2023, 32 crore person days, 33.47 crore person days have been achieved with the total expenditure of Rs.11,420.99 crore. 99,746 Differently-abled persons have worked in this scheme. 3,90,317 households have completed 100 days of employment.

❖ For the year 2023-2024, 41 crore person days, 40.87 crore person days have been achieved with the total expenditure of Rs.13,392.84 crore. As the approved person days have been achieved, the Union Government has been requested to allocate the additional 5 crore person days. 1,11,715 lakh Differently-abled persons are being worked in this scheme. 3,97,098 lakh households have completed 100 days of wage employment.

❖ For the year 2024-2025, 20 crore person days 337.72 lakh person days with total expenditure of Rs. 2,326.04 crore. As the approved person days have been achieved out of this 54,372 Differently-abled persons are worked.

❖ Durable and sustainable assets are created in Convergence with other Departments. By the effective Implementation of MGNREGA, the noble objectives and goals of Sustainable Development like ‘No Hunger’, ‘No Poverty’, “Gender equality” and “Climate Action” are being achieved in our State.

Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam-II (AGAMT-II)

❖ Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam-II is implemented in a phased manner aiming to promote holistic development of the Villages by providing required infrastructure facilities in convergence with other schemes for five years from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

❖ 10,187 Village Panchayats have been selected under this scheme and 69,690 works have

been taken at an allocation of Rs.4,906.17 crore and out of which 60,002 works have been completed and remaining works are under various stages of completion.

Revival of Rural Libraries

- For the year 2021-2022, 4,116 libraries have been renovated at an estimated cost of Rs.91.75 crore.
- For 2022-2023, 3,679 libraries have been taken up for renovation at an estimated cost of Rs.84.27 crore.

Roads, Bridges & Infrastructure

- Under Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam (MGSMT), in the year 2022-2023 and 2023 – 2024, the total number of 7,457 road works for a length of 9,648 km have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.4,000 crore. Out of this, 6,861 road works to a length of 8,825 km have been completed for an amount of Rs.3,131 crore.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) III, during the years from 2021 to 2024, 935 road works for a length of 4,123 km and 83 bridges have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.3,103.24 crore. 1,113 road works for a length of 3,951 km and 11 bridges have been completed at a cost of Rs.2,609 crore.
- During the previous years, under NABARD RIDF, 287 road works for a length of 551.76 km and 342 bridges have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.1,554.04 crore. 311 road works for a length of 527 km and 200 bridges have been completed for an amount of Rs.781 crore.
- 1,360 road works for a length of 1,990 km have been completed at a cost of Rs.627.23 crore under Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIS).

Scheme Component of Pooled Assigned Revenue (SCPAR)

- 69 Panchayat Union Office buildings were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.282.64 crore.
- In order to achieve communal harmony in rural areas and at a new initiative of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, 11 Gasifier Crematorium works have been sanctioned in the peri urban areas of 9 Districts at a cost of Rs.22 crore.
- 102 Infrastructure works such as Integrated Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Office Complex building, Panchayat Union Office buildings, Gasifier Crematorium, BT roads, bridges, CC roads, Paver block roads, Drainages, Bus Stand, Bus shelters and MKB livelihood Park have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 361.19 crore.
- Besides, 729 vehicles were purchased at a total cost of Rs.66.51 crore for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department Officials under Scheme Component of Pooled Assigned Revenue.

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin - PMAY(G)

- The Union Government has allotted 7,41,161 lakh houses. 2,89,730 lakh houses have been completed and remaining houses are in various stages of construction and it will be completed.
- Out of the pending amount to be released to Tamil Nadu, a sum of Rs.1,280.16 crore has been released by the Government which includes Central Share of Rs.768.10 crore and State corresponding matching share of Rs.512.06 crore.
- During the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of Rs.1,762.72 crore was released by the Government which includes central share of Rs.997.16 crore and State share of Rs.2,759.88 crore.

- A total of Rs.4,888.84 crore received from Government. Out of that, an expenditure to the tune of Rs.3,938.50 crore have been incurred under programme fund of PMAY(G).
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has released Rs.4,502.23 crore in total towards State RCC Roofing cost. An expenditure to the tune of Rs.4,295.40 crore have been incurred under PMAY-G.

Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has launched "Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram" scheme to promote social justice and to spread Thanthai Periyar's message of social equality in the year 1997.
- Under "Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram" scheme, sanction has been accorded for establishment of 145 Samathuvapurams during the period from 1997 to 2001 and for 93 Samathuvapurams during the period from 2008 to 2011. Out of 238 samathuvapurams sanctioned, 233 Samathuvapurams were completed and dedicated to the public at that time itself.
- Remaining 5 Samathuvapurams were not dedicated to the public over the period of 10 years. Out of those 5 Samathuvapurams, 4 Samathuvapurams are in completed stage except Kozhuvari Panchayat Samathuvapuram of Viluppuram District.
- As per orders of the Government, during the year 2021-2022, 149 Samathuvapurams, including the 4 Samathuvapurams which were not allotted for the public, have been taken up for renovation at a cost of

Rs.194.16 crore under Phase–I. Out of the works sanctioned, nearly 99% of the works have been completed.

- ❖ In addition to the above, under Phase – II during the year 2022-2023, 88 Samathuvapurams were taken up for renovation at a cost of Rs. 67.01 crore. cent per cent of the works have been completed.
- ❖ Kozhuvari Samathuvapuram in Vanur Block of Viluppuram District have been completely renovated and dedicated to the public. Kottaivenganpatti Samathuvapuram in Kannamangalam Pettai village panchayat of Singampunari Block in Sivagangai District has been completely renovated and dedicated to the public.
- ❖ Ramasamuthiram Samathuvapuram in Pallipattu block of Tiruvallur District, Kaattukulam Samathuvapuram in Musiri Block of Tiruchirappalli District and Tholar Samathuvapuram in Nallur Block of Cuddalore District are also completely renovated and dedicated to the public.

Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam – KKI

- ❖ Construction of permanent houses for hut dwellers was started as a pioneering initiative in 1975 in Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, the ‘Kalaignar Veedu Vazhangum Thittam’ was launched in 2010 for achieving the goal of a hut-free Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ In the recent survey conducted by this Government for replacing huts with safe and permanent concrete houses in rural areas of Tamil Nadu, it has been found that approximately one lakh huts continue to exist.
- ❖ In this regard, to create a ‘Hut-Free Tamil Nadu’ by 2030, it has been decided to construct eight lakh concrete houses in rural areas over the period of 6 years.
- ❖ The outcome of the various survey revealed that a total number of 7,89,007 households are living in huts and found eligible to be assisted under Government housing schemes.
- ❖ The Government have accorded Administrative sanction for construction of 1,00,000 new houses at the rate of Rs.3,50,000/- for each house under “Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam” Scheme for the year 2024-2025.
- ❖ As per the guidelines issued under Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam 2024-2025, work orders have issued in all the districts and the work is in progress.

Repairs to Rural Houses

Hon’ble Chief Minister has announced on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 15.02.2024 that,

- ❖ “Approximately 2.50 lakh houses were constructed in Tamil Nadu before 2001 under various government schemes. Those houses built for rural marginalized people will be repaired and reconstructed at a cost of Rs.2000 crore over the next two years”
- ❖ During this survey, 2,57,006 tiled and sloped RCC roof houses constructed prior to 2000-2001 were identified as eligible houses which require urgent repair since they were constructed more than 20 years back.
- ❖ Based on this, the Government announced that the scheme to repair the houses constructed under various Government schemes in rural areas till the year 2000-2001 in two years viz., 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 at a total estimated cost of Rs.1,954.20 crore.
- ❖ Financial sanction has been accorded to repair 1,48,634 houses (Tiled and Sloped RCC) at a total estimated cost of Rs.1,041.31crore for the year 2024-2025.

- Under this special initiative, financial assistance will be provided for tiled roof houses to carry out minor repairs at Rs.32,000/- for plains and Rs.42,000/-for hills or the actual estimate cost whichever is less and for major repairs, Rs.70,000/- for plains and Rs.92,000/- for hills or the actual estimate cost whichever is less. In respect of Sloped RCC roof houses, to carry out minor repairs at Rs.55,000/- for plains and Rs.72,000/- for hills or the actual estimate cost whichever is less, for major repairs, Rs.1,50,000/- for plains and Rs.1,85,000/- for hills or the actual estimate cost whichever is less.

- Further, it has been proposed to release funds to the beneficiaries in two instalments through DBT model.

Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)

- The Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Government of India has introduced a scheme named PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) to improve the socio-economic condition of the particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) to provide PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities.

- 4,811 houses have been sanctioned during the year 2023-2024 and works are under progress. For the year 2024-2025 the tentative target has been fixed as 6,885 houses.

- The unit cost fixed by Government of India for this scheme is Rs.2 lakh per house with a plinth area of 300 sq.ft to be shared by Union and State Government in the ratio of 60:40. Over and above the unit cost approved for PM-JANMAN by Union Government.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned its own funds and fixed the unit cost for the construction of houses with plinth area of 300 sq.ft as Rs.5.07 lakh for plains and Rs.5.73 lakh for hilly areas, similar to the Tribal Housing schemes implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Namakku Naame Thittam (Rural)

- Namakku Naame Thittam (NNT) is a participatory demand driven scheme announced by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during 1997-1998 budget speech to promote and to strengthen the Self Help and Self-reliant attitude of the community to enhance their increased participation in creation and maintenance of community infrastructure in rural areas. The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.300 crore for implementation of the scheme.

- Under NNT Scheme, 6,014 works have been taken up and out of that 5,341 works have

been completed and remaining works are under progress.

- ❖ This includes 742 buildings for the usage of Rural development and Panchayat Raj Department and 84 works for public use ie., Bus shelter/ Bus Stand, Threshing floors and other 5,188 other infrastructure works.

Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS)

- ❖ The fund allocation under Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development scheme is Rs.3 crore per Constituency per annum.
- ❖ Rs.3 crore per constituency would be restored under Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme fund for three years, a sum of Rs.2,106 crore was sanctioned and released to all 234 constituencies.
- ❖ Under the scheme, 28,640 works have been taken up and out of that 22,655 works have been completed and remaining works are under progress.
- ❖ This includes 5,236 buildings for the usage of Rural development and Panchayat Raj Department and 649 other Department buildings. 1,789 works for public use ie., Bus shelter/ Bus Stand, Threshing floors public usage and other 20,662 other infrastructure works.

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADs)

- ❖ The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) was launched by the Union Government during 1993 with an objective to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs to be taken up in their constituencies. Under the Scheme, durable assets of national priorities viz. drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation and roads, etc. are being created.
- ❖ The Union Government (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation) has restored the scheme during the month of November 2021 with an allocation of Rs.2 crore per Member of Parliament for the remaining months during the year 2021-2022 under MPLAD Scheme. During the financial year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the scheme is being operated with an allocation of Rs.5 crore per MP.
- ❖ Under MPLAD Scheme, 6,851 works have been taken up and out of that 5,509 works have been completed and remaining works are under progress.
- ❖ This includes 1,034 buildings for the usage of Rural development and Panchayat Raj Department and 232 other Department buildings. 5,104 works for public use.

Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme (CFSIDS)

- ❖ Most of the Panchayat Union school buildings have become dilapidated due to their age, having been built over 30 years ago, and also due to the lack of maintenance during the COVID-19 lockdown. Consequently, 2,745 dilapidated buildings have been demolished to ensure the safety of students.
- ❖ It has been found that 13,157 additional classrooms are required in 4,847 schools. Under the Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme (CFSIDS), 5,483 new classrooms have been constructed in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools across 37 districts, covering both rural and urban areas, at an estimated cost of Rs. 823 crore for the year 2022-2023.

- Under the Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Programme, school buildings will have various child friendly design features, life lessons and learning motifs to create a better teaching-learning environment for school students.
- Construction of 2,547 new and additional classrooms has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.825.34 crore under the Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme (CFSIDS) during the year 2022-2023. So far, out of 2,547 works, 2,477 new and additional classrooms have been completed at a cost of Rs.792.56 crore.
- Construction of 564 new and additional classrooms has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.183.68 crore during the year 2023-2024 under the Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme (CFSIDS).

School Infrastructure Development Scheme (SIDS)

- Maintenance and renovation of existing infrastructural facilities in Panchayat Union Primary (PUPS) and Middle (PUMS) schools located in rural and urban areas is undertaken under the School Infrastructure Development Scheme (SIDS).
- For the year 2021-2022, 10,390 repair and renovation works of Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools located in Village Panchayats under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT) have been taken up at a cost of Rs.131.92 crore and completed at a cost of Rs.130 crore.
- For the year 2022-2023, the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT) has been taken up at a cost of Rs.189.42 crore for the repair and reconstruction of 8,715 Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools located in villages on the basis of village panchayat self-sufficiency. So far, 8,704 out of 8,715 works have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.185.99 crore.
- For the year 2023-2024, the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT) will be implemented based on village panchayat self-reliance. As part of this initiative, 2,364 repair and reconstruction works of panchayat union primary and middle schools located in villages have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.58.71 crore. So far, 2,085 out of 2,364 works have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs 49.15 crore.

Revitalization of Infrastructure and Overall Cleanliness in Government Schools (RBIOCGS)

- Section 112 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, assigns certain duties to the Panchayat Unions, which includes the maintenance and expansion or improvement of primary schools, and the payment of subsidies to private management in respect of primary schools. Panchayat Union Primary Schools (PUPS) and Panchayat Union Middle Schools (PUMS) are among the major assets of Panchayat Unions. It is the statutory responsibility of the concerned Panchayat Unions to ensure maintenance of infrastructure facilities in these schools.
- For the year 2023-2024, 5,504 repair and renovation works have been selected under the Revitalization of Basic Infrastructure and Overall Cleanliness in Government Schools Scheme (RBIOCGS) at an estimated cost of Rs.122.34 crore. So far, 4,321 out of 5,504 works have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.90.16 crore.
- Also, the construction of 111 new and additional classrooms has been taken up under the Revitalization of Basic Infrastructure and Overall Cleanliness in Government Schools

Scheme (RBIOCGS) for the year 2023-2024, at an estimated cost of Rs. 42.12 crore.

Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen (SBM-G)

- Under SBM (G), with the aim of providing safe Sanitation facilities to each households, 2,80,172 IHHLs were constructed.
- In SC/SThabitations, Public Places and other habitations having no space for construction of IHHLs and floating population were there, 1,452 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSC) were constructed.
- 'Direct Plastic Buyback Policy' has been initiated in all Village Panchayats. Out of 337 Plastic Waste Management units, 310 units have been established and are functional. The plastic waste shredded in these units are used for laying of roads.

Namma Ooru Superu Campaign

- 14.31 lakh people participated in the mass cleaning activities in rural areas to clean 47,339 Garbage Hotspots, 16,829 Public Places, 21,775 Schools, 22,695 Anganwadis, 45,824 Government Buildings/ Institutions, 47,949 water bodies, 10,011 Community sanitary complex, 15,69,348 metre of Drainages were cleaned by the active participation of the Public. Awareness activities in 13,659 schools and 343 Colleges were done by active Motivators, SHG/ PLF members. Around 4 lakh trees were planted during the campaign period. This movement also continuing in the year 2023 and cleaned the Hotspots, Public places, School, Anganwadis, Government Buildings/ Institutions, Rural Water Bodies, Community sanitary complex and drainages.

Union Government Award to States

- States and Union Territories in India are ranked by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Sakthi, based on the quality of sanitation in rural areas and progress related to infrastructure as key metrics. Based on this, in the assessment for sanitation works carried out for the year 2021-2022, Tamil Nadu was awarded Third position in the category of over all Top States (large States) at the national level by Hon'ble President of India.

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)

- Under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission, 490 works such as drinking water supply, inter village road connectivity, infrastructure facilities for economic activities, infrastructure facilities and equipment for hospitals and schools were completed at an estimated cost of Rs.126.38 crore utilizing critical gap fund and convergence with other scheme fund.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- TWAD is executing 45 new Multi Village Water Supply Schemes (MVS) and retrofit 56 existing Water Supply schemes for providing water from river sources.
- In Tamil Nadu, out of 1,25,13,854 rural households, so far, 1,06,59,704 households have been covered with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs). The remaining 18,54,180 functional Household Tap Connections will be covered before the end of December, 2024.
- During the year 2021-2024, 64,50,025 Functional Household Tap Connections have been provided with an total expenditure of Rs. 2,022.55 crore including the provision of in-village components of JJM.

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Higher Education
Including Technical Education, Electronics, Science and Technology

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education
Dr. K. Ponmudy

Higher Education Department

Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Ninaivu Pudhumai Penn Thittam

- The 'Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Ninaivu Pudhumai Penn Thittam' was introduced to provide a monthly incentive of Rs.1,000 to all girl students pursuing higher education, who have completed their studies in Government schools from 6th to 12th standard. 2.74 lakh girl students are benefiting every month under this scheme. Now, it has been extended to girl students studying in Tamil Medium in Government Aided Schools.

Naan Mudhalvan Scheme

- The visionary 'Naan Mudhalvan' programme has been launched with an aim of imparting industry-relevant skills to youth on March 2022. In 2022-2023 itself, the programme exceeded expectations by training over 13 lakh students, surpassing the target. In 2023-2024, this programme has been further extended to Polytechnic and Industrial Training Institutes to cover 14 lakh students across the State. In the previous year, 1.19 lakh out of 1.84 lakh aspirants have secured placements, making this scheme a resounding success.

Centres of Excellence

- The Government is focussed on the transformation of higher educational institutions into 'Centres of Excellence', which not only produce a skilled and employable workforce for the industries, but also usher in the advancement of various fields through research and development. This Government, in collaboration with industry partners, is undertaking a project for the upgradation of infrastructure and training curriculum in 44 Government Polytechnic Colleges at a cost of Rs.2,358.53 crore to meet Industry 4.0 standards.

7.5 percent special internal reservation

- 27,401 Government school students got admission in engineering colleges in three years under 7.5 percent special internal reservation. Rs.213.37 crore have been released for tuition fee, hostel fee, transport fee, etc. for these students.

First Generation Graduate

- Tuition fee concession has been provided to "First Generation Graduate" students admitted in Engineering Colleges in the State through Single Window Counselling. Rs.1,000.80 crore has been given to 4,13,241 students towards first generation graduate tuition fee concession.

Internship Training

- In order to provide Internship Training to students of Government Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges towards financial support at the rate of Rs.16,600 per student for 25 days Internship Training to enhance the technical skill of the students covering 10,000 students every year from Government Engineering Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges. There is also a possibility for successful internship training to get employment offer in the company sponsoring the internship.

Foreign languages

- In order to provide ample academic support to interested students to learn various foreign languages for better employment and career opportunities, foreign languages such as French, German and Japanese are being taught to the final year students studying in 10 Government Engineering Colleges. Totally 1,200 final year students of 10 Government Engineering Colleges have been benefitted.

Chief Minister's Research Grant Scheme

- In order to promote quality research to enhance the rigor, reliability, robustness and transparency of research and also to explore "Global Dynamics in Responsible Research" and to provide a platform for the perspectives of early career researches on current challenges, the Government have introduced "Chief Minister's Research Grant Scheme" from the academic year 2023-2024. In this regard, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.50 crore as recurring grant towards the allocation of funds for all Government Higher Educational Institutions and Universities in Tamil Nadu for promoting quality in Research Honours and Researchers.

Perundhalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme

- Administrative sanction of Rs.1,000 crore for infrastructure development in Government Engineering Colleges, Government Arts and Science Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges in 5 years under Perundhalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme and Rs.250 crore for 2022-2023 in the first phase and Rs.200 crore for 2023-2024 has been allocated and the construction work is in progress. Rs.200 crore for the year 2024-2025 has been allocated in the Budget Estimate.

Honouring of Indian Space Research Organization's Scientists

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has honoured the 10 Indian Space Research Organization's Scientists with the cash amount of Rs.25 lakh each for their remarkable achievement and brought pride to Tamil Nadu and will continue to do so on-behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Establishment of Learning Management System integrated with an Enterprise Resource Planning Software (LMS & ERP)

- The action is being taken to provide the Digital Transformation of Management of 14 State Universities, Directorate of Collegiate Education and Directorate of Technical Education at a cost of Rs.150 crore for the implementation of Learning Management System integrated with an Enterprise Resource Planning Software (LMS & ERP) in Higher Education Department.

Guest Lecturer Posts

- Government issued orders to fill up 1,895 Guest Lecturer posts on temporary Consolidated basis in the vacant posts of Assistant Professors in Government Colleges. Nearly 1,731 Guest Lecturers have been appointed in 4 phases based on the guidelines prescribed in the G.O. They are presently working in the vacant posts of Assistant Professors in various colleges.

Permanent Building

- Administrative and Financial Sanction orders for constructing new Permanent building in 31 Government Arts and Science Colleges have been issued by the Government from 07.05.2021 to 31.01.2024. The Construction works have been executed by the PWD Technical Education Circle. In the above said 31 colleges, the Permanent Building of 13 Colleges has been inaugurated. In 3 Colleges, the Construction works are in completion stage. In remaining 15 Colleges the Construction works are in progress.

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Auditorium

- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.63 crore for the construction of Auditorium in the area of 5,564 Sq.m. with the total seating capacity of 2,046 in the name of "Muthamizharignar Kalaignar" in Presidency College, during the year 2020-2023. The construction work is in progress.

Chief Minister's Research Fellowship Scheme

- To improve the research skills of students of Tamil Nadu and encourage innovation "Chief Minister's Research Fellowship" scheme was announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Aim of this CMRF Scheme is to award research fellowship to 120 students to do full time Ph.D. Programme in Government Arts & Science Colleges. State Level Qualifying Examination was conducted by Teachers Recruitment Board on 17.12.2023 and the result was published in TRB's Website on 29.12.2023. Eligible 120 candidates will be offered monthly fellowship of Rs.25,000 for a maximum period of 3 years.

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Public Works (Buildings), Highways and Minor Ports

Hon'ble Minister for Public Works
Thiru. E.V.Velu

Public Works Department

❖ Construction of Kalaignar Library at the campus of Ulaga Tamil Sangam at Madurai, has been completed at a cost of Rs.120.75 crore.

❖ Construction of commemoration Pillar to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year Celebration of India's Independence has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.95 crore.

❖ Construction of Memorial for Muthamizharignar Kalaignar at Kamaraj Salai, Chennai and at an cost of Rs.47.75 crore Muthamizh arignar Kalaignar museum in the basement floor of the memorial at a cost of Rs.53.73 crore has been completed.

❖ Establishment of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi's statue and other arrangements at Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality hospital in Omandurar Government estate campus, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore.

❖ Construction of Jallikattu arena at Keelakarai village in Madurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.62.78 crore.

- Upgrading peripheral hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai to 300 bedded COVID hospital was completed at a cost of Rs.12.69 crore.
- To overcome the outbreak of 2nd wave of pandemic COVID-19, additional 14,683 Oxygen beds for the Government Medical College Hospitals, Government District headquarters hospitals and primary health centres were procured by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs.152.50 crore.
- The maintenance works Revamping & rectification of all civil & electrical works at Anna Centenary Library in Kotturpuram, Chennai have been completed at an cost of Rs.37.82 crore.
- Under Tamil Nadu Emergency COVID Rehabilitation Project - II, 2096 ICU beds with oxygen facilities were provided in 50 Government Hospitals, 37 District headquarters hospitals and 116 sub-District Hospitals, at a cost of Rs.60.784 crore.
- Construction of Multi Super Speciality hospital in the premises of King Institute of Preventive Medicine & Research,

Guindy Chennai was completed at a cost of Rs.240.53 crore.

- Construction of Perasiriyar Anbazhagan centenary arch at DPI campus in Nungambakkam has been completed at a cost of Rs.66.85 lakh.
- Transforming 71 Government ITIs in Tamil Nadu as technology centers to meet the industry 4.0 standards at a cost of Rs.264.83 crore. 69 ITI works are completed by PWD at an estimated cost of Rs.257.37 crore.
- Construction of a new museum building complex to preserve the underneath artifacts in the archaeological excavation at Keeladi with modern facilities at Konthagai village of Tirupuvanam Taluk in Sivagangai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.18.42 crore.
- Redevelopment works at Valluvar Kottam, Nungambakkam, Chennai are in progress at a cost of Rs.80 crore.
- Construction of new hostel building for students at M.C. Raja Boys Hostel Campus, Saidapet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.44.50 crore.
- Construction of 88 new Veterinary Institutional buildings (Veterinary Dispensaries, Veterinary Hospital, Veterinary Polyclinic and Animal Diseases Intelligences Unit) Under NABARD RIDF XXVII scheme at a cost of Rs.57.46 crore.
- Construction of memorial for Rajanarayanan at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore.
- Construction of Manimandapam for Thiru. Ayothi Dasar at Gandhi Mandapam Campus, Guindy, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.48 crore.
- Painting works and art works for display and park and lawn arrangements for Vallal Adhiyaman Memorial Hall at Adhiyamankottai in Dharmapuri District has been completed at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Renovation of Gandhi Mandapam, Gandhi Museum, Kamarajar Memorial, Bakthavatchalam Memorial in Gandhi Mandapam campus at Sardar Patel Road, Guindy Chennai have been completed at a cost of Rs.3.36 crore.
- Installation of full view bronze statue for Rabindranath Tagore in Queen Mary's College campus has been completed at a cost of Rs.29.61 lakh.
- Installation of full view bronze statue for former President of India Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in Anna University campus at Kottur Garden Road, Guindy, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.21.96 lakh.
- Installation of statue for former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency Dr.P.Subbarayan at Gandhi Mandapam campus, Guindy, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.17.50 lakh.
- Construction of Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez memorial building at Thoothukudi in Thoothukudi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.77 lakh.
- Provision of additional facilities in 10 memorials to aid students preparing for competitive exams have been completed at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- Construction of conference hall and exhibition hall, erecting full statue

for Thiru.V.K.Palanisamy Gounder, Thiru. C.Subramaniam, Thiru. Pollachi Na.Mahalingam in Parambikulam Aliyar Project Campus at Pollachi in Coimbatore District are in progress at a cost of Rs.4.28 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial hall and full statue arrangements for freedom fighter Dhali Paalaiyakkarar Malaiyandi Vengidupathi Ehthalappa Nayakkar at Thirumoorthinagar, Udumalpet Taluk in Tiruppur District are in progress, at a cost of Rs.2.53 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial for Mayuram Munsif Vedhanayagam Pillai in Mayiladuthurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

❖ Construction of Thiyagi Aiya Thiru. M.A.Easwaran statue and arangam at Bhavanisagar in Erode District is in progress at a cost of Rs.2.60 crore.

❖ Improvements and refurbishment work of Vaikom Veerar Thanthai Periyar Memorial at Vaikom in Kottayam District of Kerala State is in progress at a cost of Rs.8.14 crore.

❖ Construction of Manimandapam for 21 social justice warriors at Viluppuram in Viluppuram District are in progress at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial & erection of statue for Thiru. A. Govindhasamy at Viluppuram in Viluppuram District are in progress at a cost of Rs.4 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial for Linguistic Martyrs Thiru.Thalamuthu and Thiru. Nadarasan at Kathbada Crematorium ground campus at Mooalakkothalam, Chennai are in progress at a cost of Rs.34.30 lakh.

❖ Renovation of Perarignar Anna Memorial at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai and work is in progress at a cost of Rs.24.88 crore.

❖ Installation of statue of Thyagi Annal Thango at Gudiyatham in Vellore District at is in progress at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

❖ Provision of pre-fabricated waiting shed for public with safety grills arrangements in front of the Sri Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial and permanent shed on VVIP passage at pasumpon Village in Kamuthi Taluk of Ramanathapuram District will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.1.55 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial for Thozhar Jeeva at Siravayal in Sivagangai District will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

❖ Construction of memorial hall and full statue arrangements for Thyagi Immanuel Sekaranar at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram District will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

❖ Establishment of native chicken breeding farm, hatchery unit and Fodder Unit at Chettinadu Veterinary Livestock in Ramanathapuram District was completed at a cost of Rs.8 crore.

❖ Establishment of native breeding farm and a hatchery unit at District Livestock, Abishekapatti in Tirunelveli District was completed at a cost of Rs.9.42 crore.

❖ Construction of 37 new Veterinary Institutional buildings (Veterinary Dispensaries and Veterinary Polyclinic) at an cost of Rs.25 crore under NABARD RIDF XXVIII scheme. 30 Works were completed and 7 works are in progress.

- Formation of road from the entrance to existing quarantine shed at Kuruthukulli in The Nilgiris District was completed at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.
- Construction of additional dog breeding unit at Veterinary hospital campus, Saidapet, Chennai in progress at a cost of Rs.5.95 crore.
- Construction of 5 Veterinary hospitals and 20 Veterinary dispensaries at a cost of Rs.16.30 crore under NABARD RIDF XXIX scheme. 23 works are in progress and 2 works to be taken up.
- Construction of protection wall arrangements in 7 Government Backward Class, Most Backward Class College and School Girls Hostel buildings were completed at a cost of Rs.100.68 lakh.
- Maintenance and repair works in 88 Backward & DNC hostel buildings were completed at a cost of Rs.7 crore.
- Maintenance and repair works in 57 Most Backward hostel buildings were completed at a cost of Rs.6 crore.
- Construction of 2 Denotified Communities hostel buildings for school boys (60 students) at Kovilankulam in Ramnad District & Nainarkovil in Ramnad District are in Progress at a cost of Rs.742.50 lakh.
- Construction of 5 BC, MBC and DNC college girls hostel buildings (100 students) at Veppanthattai (2Nos), Thittamalai, Palacode and Karaikudi in Perambalur, Erode, Dharmapuri and Sivagangai Districts of which 2 works were completed and 3 works are in progress at a cost of Rs.22.21 crore.
- Special Maintenance & Repair works in 63 Most Backward Hostel Buildings, 56 Backward Hostel Buildings & 12 DNC Hostel Buildings at an estimate cost of Rs.20 crore. 123 works were completed and 3 works in progress.
- Special maintenance and repair works in 9 Minority Welfare hostel buildings were completed at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- Construction of Government BC, MBC and DNC college girls and boys hostel building for students in Ramanathapuram, Perambalur and Ariyalur Districts at a cost of Rs.16.13 crore. 2 works in progress and 1 work to be taken up.
- Construction of compound wall in 16 BC, MBC and DNC School / College girls' and boys' hostel at a cost of Rs.2.09 crore. 15 works were completed and 1 work in progress.
- Maintenance and repair works for the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, De-notified Communities and Minority Students 86 Works were completed at a cost of Rs.6.93 crore.
- Maintenance and repair works in 28 Kallar School in Theni, Madurai and Dindigul were completed at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- Special Maintenance and repair works in Kallar School in Theni, Madurai and Dindigul at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore. 55 works were completed, 70 works in progress and 19 works to be taken up.
- Out of 92 Works sanctioned on 29.11.2021 for providing infrastructural facilities in Government Kallar High school and Higher Secondary Schools 90 works were completed

and 1 work is in progress and 1 work will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.50.09 crore.

- Construction of Waqf Board Zonal office building at 4 places 2 Works were completed and 2 works in progress at a cost of Rs.64 lakh.
- Construction of Integrated Commercial Taxes office building at Virudhunagar in Virudhunagar District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.96 crore.
- Provision of additional amenities and additional works in the Integrated building for Commercial taxes and registration (South tower) at Nandanam, Guindy Taluk, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.14.48 crore.
- Construction of Commercial Taxes office building at Polur in Tiruvannamalai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.49 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar office at Arakandanallur in Viluppuram District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.62 crore.
- Construction of Commercial Taxes office building at Thuraiyur in Tiruchirappalli District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.95 crore.
- Construction of Commercial office building at Gobichettipalayam in Erode District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.90 crore.
- Construction of Commercial Taxes office building at Sathyamangalam in Erode District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.67 crore.
- Construction of Integrated Commercial Taxes office building in Erode District has been completed at a cost of Rs.14.30 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar office at Chatrapatti in Ottanchathiram Taluk in Dindigul District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.99 crore.
- Renovation of Integrated Commercial Taxes office building in Madurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.77 crore.
- For the construction of building for Pudukkottai-3 assessment circle in the vacant space on the first floor in the existing Integrated Commercial Taxes office building at Pudukkottai in Pudukkottai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.86 lakh.
- Construction of Sub Registrar office at Senthamangalam in Namakkal District has been completed at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar office at Palliyadi in Kanniyakumari District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore.
- Construction of Integrated Commercial Tax office Building at Thoothukudi in Thoothukudi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.49 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register offices Tiruttani in Tiruvallur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.63 crore.
- Construction of New building for Sub Registrar Offices Nagore in Nagapattinam District.has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.91 crore.
- Construction of New building for Sub Registrar Offices Sankarapuram in Kallakurichi, has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.88 crore.
- Construction of New building for Sub Registrar Offices Thirukazhukundram in Chengalpattu, has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.43 crore.

❖ Construction of Integrated Commercial Taxes office building at Tiruchirappalli in Tiruchirappali District is in progress at a cost of Rs.20.82 crore.

❖ Construction of Integrated Registration office complex and Deputy Inspector General camp office building at Coimbatore in Coimbatore District work is in progress at a cost of Rs.4.39 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 2 places at Arani in Tiruvannamalai District and Kulithalai in Karur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.4.39 crore.

❖ Construction of Building for Sub Registrar Office at Mallasamudram in Tiruchengode Taluk of Namakkal District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 2 places at Orathanadu in Orathanadu Taluk of Thanjavur District and Budhalur in Thanjavur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.83 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 3 places at Mailam in Villupuram District, Swamimalai in Thanjavur District and Vedharanyam in Nagapattinam District is in progress at a cost of Rs.5.68 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 5 places at Musiri and Kattuputhur in Trichy District, Avinashi and Kunnathur in Tiruppur District and Kayathar in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar office Building at T.PALUR in Udayarpalayam Taluk of Ariyalur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.89 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 3 places at Panruti in Cuddalore District, Pudupettai in Cuddalore District and Kullanchavadi in Cuddalore District is in progress at a cost of Rs.4.52 crore.

❖ Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 4 places at Nellikuppam in Cuddalore District, Pennagaram in Dharmapuri District, Uppiliyapuram in Trichy District and Viralimalai in Pudukkottai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.7.61 crore.

❖ Construction of New building for Sub Registrar Offices at 2 places at Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai District, and Pullambadi in Trichy District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.47 crore.

❖ Construction of New building for Sub Registrar Offices at 3 places at Kamuthi in Kamuthi Taluk of Ramanathapuram District, Aruppukottai in Virudhunagar District and Sembanarkoil in Mayiladuthurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.5.58 crore.

- Construction of Sub Registrar Office at Lalgudi in Trichy District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.82 crore.
- Construction of Sub-Registrar Offices at 2 places at Thirumangalam Madurai (South) in Madurai District and Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.33 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar Offices at 2 places at Avadi in Tiruvallur District and Kallikudi in Madurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.51 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar Office Building at Perunazhi in Kamuthi Taluk of Ramanathapuram District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.89 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register office building at Ettayapuram in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.84 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register offices at 2 places at Sathankulam in Thoothukudi District and Sriperumbudur in Kancheepuram District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.72 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register offices at 2 places at Srivaikundam in Thoothukudi District and Murappanadu in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.63 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register office building at Alwarthirunagari in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.82 crore.
- Construction of Sub Register office building at Kazhugumalai in Thoothukudi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.89 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar Office Building at Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.88 crore.
- Construction of Sub Registrar offices at 2 places at Katpadi in Vellore District and Joint II Sub Registrar office at Tiruvannamalai in Tiruvannamalai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.75 crore.
- Construction of New Sub Registrar office building at Uthiramerur in Chengalpattu District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.88 crore.
- Construction of New Sub Registrar office building at Vallam in Tindivanam of Viluppuram District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.87 crore.
- Construction of New Sub Registrar offices Cholavandan in Madurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.67 crore.
- Construction of Co-operative Arts & Science College at Athur Taluk in Dindigul District is in progress at a cost of Rs.75.75 crore.
- Construction of new building for National Level Institute for Co-operative studies research & training at Mannavanur Village in Kodaikanal Taluk, Dindigul District will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.126 crore.
- Establishment of Modern Post Mortem Block and provision of equipment under World Bank assisted Scheme in Government Hospital - Yercaud, Salem District to an amount of Rs. 1.05 crore, work has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of new Government Medical College buildings in 10 Districts of Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Tiruppur, Tiruvallur, Ariyalur and Kallakurichi in Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs.1,393.17 crore has been completed and

put into public usage. Construction of new Government Medical College buildings is in progress in The Nilgiris District.

- Establishment of Poison Management Centre at Government Hospital, Kalakkadu, Tirunelveli District (World Bank assisted Scheme) to an amount of Rs.40 lakh, work has been completed and put into public use.
- Strengthening of Trauma & Emergency Care at Government Hospital at Chengam in Tiruvannamalai, Virudhachalam in Cuddalore, Palacode District (World Bank assisted Scheme) to an amount of Rs.1.05 crore has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of Twin Staff Nurse Quarters at UPHC - Rajadhani, Theni District under the World Bank scheme to provide 24-hour free treatment to an amount of Rs.30 lakh has been completed and put into use.
- Construction of Quarters for Medical officer and Staff Nurse Quarters (Twin Type) in Upgraded primary health Centre Pathamadai in Tirunelveli District to an amount of Rs. 60 lakh has been completed and put into use.
- Construction of New buildings to Special New Born Care Units in Government Hospitals at Mettupalayam in Coimbatore District, Thiruvarangam in Trichy District and Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital for an amount of Rs.90 lakh have been completed and put into public use.
- Establishment of Sound Proof Room for 25 CEmONC centers in Government Hospitals in Tamil Nadu to an amount of Rs.3 crore and works have been completed.
- Construction of New TAEI Building in Government Hospital Vandhavasi, Tiruvannamalai District to an amount of Rs.5 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of Hospital building at Uthiramerur Government Hospital, Kancheepuram District to an amount of Rs. 10 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of New Tower Block building and provision of equipment in Kilpauk Government Medical College Hospital, Chennai (World Bank assisted Scheme) to an amount of Rs.125 crore and works are in progress.
- Construction of additional buildings at Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar (World Bank assisted Scheme) to an amount of Rs.55.07 crore and work in progress.
- Strengthening of Trauma & Emergency Care at Government Hospital at Tirupathur in Sivagangai, Sattur in Virudhunagar District (World Bank assisted Scheme) to an amount of Rs.7.42 crore and all works are in progress.
- Construction of Center of Excellence for Cancer Additional Floors (Third Floor to Fifth Floor) at Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram District to an amount of Rs.100 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of 100 bedded Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) Center at Government Medical College Hospitals, Sivagangai District to an amount of Rs.10 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of Upgradation of Government Hospitals, Uthamapalayam and Periyakulam

in Theni District as Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) Centre with equipments to an amount of Rs.10.10 crore and works are in progress.

❖ Construction of Comprehensive and Emergency Care Centre and upgrade as a Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) Centre in Government Hospital, Thirumayam in Pudukkottai District with equipments to an amount of Rs.10 crore and work is in progress.

❖ Construction of New buildings to strengthening the Maternal and Child Health /CEmONC center in 6 Government Hospitals at Tondiarpet, Saidapet, Pennagaram, Manapparai, Thuraiyur and Sub District Hospitals Avinashi to an amount of Rs.50.30 crore and all works are under progress.

❖ Construction of buildings to Maternal and Child Health wings in Government, Raja Mirasudhar Hospital, Thanjavur and Government Medical College and Hospital, Tiruvannamalai to an amount of Rs.20 crore and works are in progress.

❖ Construction of Additional State Vaccine Store at Government Primary health Centre, Nandhivaram in Chengalpattu District to an amount of Rs.66.87 lakh and work has been completed.

❖ Construction of 50 bedded Critical Care block in 6 Government Medical College Hospitals are Chengalpattu, Dharmapuri, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli and Sivagangai and 4 Government Hospitals Ottanchathiram, Sirkazhi, Melur and Uthangarai to an amount of Rs.214 crore and works are in progress.

❖ Construction of 100 bedded Critical Care block in Cuddalore Government Hospitals to an amount of Rs.34 crore and works are in progress.

- Construction of Additional buildings to 18 Government Hospitals at Jeyamkondan, Tambaram, Palani, Thirukovilur, Hosur, Mayiladuthurai, Vedaranyam, Rasipuram, Aranthangi, Paramakudi, Gudalur, Tiruttani, Valliyur, Tirupathur, Kangeyam, Gudiyatham, Tindivanam and Arupukottai for Upgradation as District Head Quarters Hospitals to an amount of Rs.846.85 crore and 18 works are in progress.
- Construction of buildings to 5 Government Hospitals Kulithalai, Thiruchenkodu, Ambasamudram, Dharapuram and Rajapalayam for upgradation on par with District Head Quarters Hospital to an amount of Rs.142 crore and works are in progress.
- Construction of 400 bedded New buildings to Pediatric unit in Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai to an amount of Rs.20 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of New buildings to Maternal and Child Health wing (CEmONC) in Kilpauk Government Medical College Hospital in Chennai and Government Hospital at Pattukottai, Government Hospital at Cumbum, Government Hospital at Chidambaram to an amount of Rs.51 crore and works are in progress.
- Construction of New buildings to strengthen the Maternal and Child Health wings in Institute of Social Obstetrics and Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children, Triplicane, Government RSRM Hospital, Chennai and Maternity block in Government Hospital, Lalgudi in Trichy to an amount of Rs.61 crore and works are in progress.
- Construction of Ladies hostel with all facilities to accommodate 620 PG & UG students in Chennai Government Dental College Hospital at an amount of Rs.64.90 crore and work is in progress.
- Upgradation of Pay Wards for treatment with modern facilities in Viluppuram Government Medical College Hospital and Cuddalore Government District Head Quarters Hospital to an amount of Rs.0.96 crore and works have been completed.
- Upgradation of Pay Wards for treatment with modern facilities in 6 Government Medical College Hospital Tirunelveli, Thanjavur, Kanniyakumari, Pudukkottai, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and 7 Government District Head Quarters Hospital Pollachi, Erode, Kancheepuram, Perambalur, Kumbakonam, Tenkasi, Kovilpatti to an amount of Rs.11.04 crore and works are in progress.
- Construction of 3 new Tertiary Care Hospitals in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai with the financial assistance of Japan in which Tertiary Care Hospitals in Madurai and Coimbatore have been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and are being used by the public and Construction of 4 new secondary hospital buildings at Tiruvallur, Salem, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, 3 new secondary hospitals have been completed at an amount of Rs.615.06 crore. Works are in progress at Chennai and Tiruppur.
- Renovation of post mortem building at Government hospital Kodaikanal at an amount of Rs.19.50 lakh has been completed and put into public use.
- Renovation of Medical Officer and Staff Nurse quarters in Valparai in Coimbatore District at an amount of Rs.23.50 lakh, work has been completed.

- Construction of Neuro Block in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai at an amount of Rs.60 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of New integrated of Public Health Laboratory in 12 District Government hospitals 6 works have been completed namely Tambaram, Pollachi, Chidambaram, Manaparai, Mettur and Thiruthani at an amount of Rs.7.50 crore.
- Construction of New integrated of Public Health Laboratory in 12 District government hospitals 6 works are in progress namely Saidapet, Usilampatti, Cheyyar, Valliyur, Palani and Thirupathur at an amount of Rs.7.50 crore.
- Construction of new Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) building at Government hospital at Chengam at an amount of Rs.3.50 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of additional building to Government hospital at Sankarankoil, Tenkasi District at an amount of Rs.9 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of additional floor for Ophthalmology block at Government Tirunelveli Medical College hospital to an amount of Rs.2.75 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of broad speciality block at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government hospital in Trichy District to an amount of Rs.110 crore and Work is in progress.
- Provision of steam laundry with infrastructure to the Government Medical College hospital, Coimbatore to an amount of Rs.2.45 crore and work is in progress.
- Establishment of new Government dental college and hospital at Pudukottai in Pudukottai District to an amount of Rs.63.42 crore has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of multi super speciality hospital in Government head quarters hospital in Erode District to an amount of Rs.67.76 crore has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of additional floor over the existing G+3 floors in the campus of institute of social obstetrics and Government Kasturba Gandhi hospital for women and children, Triplicane, Chennai at an amount of Rs.6.17 crore has been completed and put into public use.
- Construction of Centre of Excellence building for Tamil Nadu Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (TNIMHANS) in Institute of Mental Health, Kilpauk, Chennai at an amount of Rs.35 crore and work is in progress.
- Construction of Maternal and Child Health buildings at Government hospitals at Tindivanam, Tambaram, Srivilliputhur, Gobichettipalayam are completed at an amount of Rs.41.34 crore and Construction of Maternal and Child Health building at Government hospital at Ambasamudram, Tenkasi work is in progress.
- Construction of 50 bedded critical care blocks in 3 Government Medical College Hospitals namely Thiruvottiyur Government Thoracic Hospital, Otteri, Chennai Institute of Mental Health, Kilpauk and Cuddalore

– Chidambaram at a total amount of Rs.80 crore works are in progress and Kanniyakumari Government Medical College Hospital work to be taken up.

❖ Establishment of 50 bedded critical care blocks are under construction in 3 Government Hospitals in Ranipet District – Arakonam, Virudhunagar District – Sivakasi, and Kallakurichi District – Ulundurpet are in progress and in Namakkal District – Paramathi Vellore at a total amount of Rs. 80 crore work to be taken up.

❖ Establishment of 100 bedded critical care block in Royapettah Government hospital at an amount of Rs.35.81 crore and work is in progress.

❖ Establishment of new integrated public health laboratories in 7 Government hospitals namely Kovilpatti, Kancheepuram, Palakod, Sirkazhi, Mannargudi, Vedaranyam and Coonoor at a total amount of Rs.10 crore are in progress. Gobichettipalyam work to be taken up.

❖ Construction of new buildings in 13 Government Hospitals at Thirukkalukkunram, Bhuvanagiri, Pappipettipatty, Arur, Shankarapuram, Vedasandur, Anthiyur, Kutthalam, Thandarampatu, Vembakkam, Jallipatti, Senchi and Thirubhuvanam works are in progress at a total amount of Rs.80 crore and 3 Government Hospitals at Kulasekaram, Peravurani and Vilathikulam works to be taken up.

❖ Construction of additional infrastructural facilities in Government Siddha Medical College hospital in Chennai at an amount of Rs.5.09 crore, work is in progress.

❖ Upgradation and new infrastructure and improvement of waste water treatment facility of Government Cancer hospital in Balarengapuram in Madurai at an amount of Rs.4.61 crore, work is in progress.

❖ Construction of New building for Maternity Child Health hospital at Government Hospital, Vijayapuram in Tiruvarur District at an amount of Rs.60 crore, work is in progress.

❖ Construction of School of Nursing and hostel facility in Government Stanley hospital, Chennai works are in progress at a total amount of Rs.147 crore and construction of new multi-speciality critical and emergency care block (G+6 floors) will be taken up.

- Construction of Multi super speciality treatment block in the premises of Institute of Child Health and Children hospital, Egmore, Chennai at an amount of Rs.53 crore work is in progress.
- Construction of additional floors (third floor - part, fourth to sixth floor) over the second floor of new Maternity Child Health hospital building in Government Peripheral hospital, Saidapet, Chennai at an amount of Rs.15.50 crore, work is in progress.
- Construction of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th floor over the existing second floor of Tamil Nadu Government Dental College and hospital, Chennai at an amount of Rs.56.50 crore, work is in progress.
- Construction of additional (4th, 5th & 6th) floors in new building for Government Peripheral hospital at Periyar Nagar, Chennai at an amount of Rs.54.82 crore and work is in progress.
- Establishment of Multi-Speciality Dental centre in 4 Government Medical College hospitals at an amount cost of Rs.4.49 crore. Of 4 works, Madurai and Tirunelveli are completed, Coimbatore and Salem works are in progress.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram Yojana (PMJVK), Construction of additional hospital buildings at Peranampet, Vaniyambadi, Ambur, Singavanam, Ammapattinam, Kottaipattinam, Tiruchendur, Kayalpattinam, Thoothukudi, Tenkasi, Melapalayam and Tirunelveli at an amount of Rs.396.55 crore, works are in progress.
- Construction of Multi Super Specialty hospital building (BLOCK I, II and III) in Government Pentland hospital at Vellore in Vellore District at an amount of Rs.197.81 crore, works are in progress.
- Construction of Additional Staff Quarters for Anna Institute of Management at PSKR salai, Raja Annamalaipuram is completed at a cost of Rs.3.48 crore.
- Construction of Additional Law Officers Block in premises of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai in Madurai District at an estimated cost of Rs.428 lakh and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Centre for Examination of Vulnerable Witnesses, Child Witnesses Court Halls in Combined Court Building Campus at Sathuvachari in Vellore District at an estimated cost of Rs.289.40 lakh. Currently the Work's agreement concluded and permission awaited from High Court of Madras to commence the work.
- Construction of Vulnerable witness centre of Combined Court building in MPC at Perambalur in Perambalur District at an estimated cost of Rs.297.18 lakh and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Centre for Examination of Vulnerable Witnesses, Child Witnesses Court Halls in Combined Court Building Campus at Lakshmipuram in Theni District at an estimated cost of Rs.318 lakh and the work has been completed.
- Construction of Quarters for the Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority in Combined Court building campus at Thadangam in Dharmapuri District at an estimated cost of Rs.216.46 lakh and the work has been completed.

- Carrying out modification work in the 5th floor of the New Additional Law chambers building for shifting the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Center to the said building in High Court of Madras.at an estimated cost of Rs.647 lakh and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of New Nine Storeyed Building for housing various Sections of Madras High Court, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.2,024.60 lakh and the work has been completed.
- Conservation and restoration of Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College in the Campus of the High Court Madras at an estimated cost of Rs.2,313 lakh and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Two Multi storeyed Building for 16 Court Halls in Combined Court building campus at Salem at an estimated cost of Rs.5,943 lakh and the Work is in Progress.
- Renovation of the main building and annexe building in the combined court campus at Chengalpattu in Chengalpattu District at an estimated cost of Rs.239 lakh and the work has been completed.
- Providing Amenities to the Corporation community Hall building for accommodating the Commercial Court and Commercial appellate court at Srinivasapuram in Coimbatore District at an estimated cost of Rs.96 lakh and the work has been completed.
- Construction of Multi-storeyed Building to accommodate 60 Subordinate Courts of High court of Madras, Chennai-3 at an estimated cost of Rs.31,500 lakh. Work will be taken up.
- Construction of Additional Court building with 18 nos. Court Halls in the District Court Campus at Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.166 lakh. The foundation stone has been laid by Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Work is in Progress.

- Construction of Government Law College with boys, Girls Hostels Building at Karaikudi in Sivangangai District at an estimated cost of Rs.100.45 crore and the work is in Progress.
- Conservation, Renovation, Restoration of Heritage Building (Court Building) at Pudukkottai in Pudukkottai District at an estimated cost of Rs.14.92 crore. The Foundation stone has been laid by Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Madras High Court and work will be commenced.
- Construction of 8 Number of Individual Type Judges Bungalows in the premises of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.13.56 crore and the work has been completed.
- Conservation of existing halls/ section into 8 numbers of Court halls with chambers/ offices in the Administrative Block in the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.4.69 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Combined Court Buildings Consisting of Two Courts with other amenities at Vikravandi in Viluppuram at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Combined Court Buildings consisting of Two Courts with Other amenities viz, Canteen, Two wheeler shed, Garage and Two Judicial Officers Quarters at Kurinjipadi in Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs.15.62 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Sub Judge Quarters at Thittagudi in Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs.1.75 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of Combined Court building consisting of Two Courts with Garages and Cycle shed and Two Judicial Officers Quarters at Peraiyur in Madurai District at an estimated cost of Rs.16.05 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of combined court building consisting of Two courts with cycle shed and Two Judicial Officers Quarters at Andipatti in Theni District at an estimated cost of Rs.11.70 crore and work is in Progress.
- Construction of District Munsif Court over the Existing Judicial Magistrate Court and Sub Court in the existing Court Campus at Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District at an estimated cost of Rs.11.23 crore and the Work is in Progress.
- Construction of the building for Labour Commissionerate and its subsidiary office at Anna Nagar in Chennai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.17.22 crore.
- Renovation works in Thiru.Vi.Ka. Guest House building at Kutraalam in Tenkasi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.82 crore.
- Renovation works in Jeeva Illam building in Chennai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Renovation works in Jawaharlal Nehru Guest House Building at Mamallapuram in Chengalpattu District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.75 crore.
- Construction of Integrated Labour office building at Viluppuram in Viluppuram

District has been completed at a cost of Rs.3.72 crore.

❖ Construction of New Age course block, Toilet block for boys, girls and Disabled for North Chennai ITI in Chennai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.3.37 crore.

❖ Construction of New Government Industrial Training Institute at Viralimalai in Pudukkottai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.51 crore.

❖ Construction of Integrated Labour Office with basic infrastructure facilities at Ramanathapuram in Ramanathapuram District has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.44 crore.

❖ Construction of Integrated Labour office building at Krishnagiri in Krishnagiri District has been completed at a cost of Rs.5.17 crore.

❖ Construction of Integrated Labour Office with basic infrastructure facilities at Tiruppur in Tiruppur District at a cost of Rs.4.20 crore has been completed.

❖ Construction of New Government Industrial Training Institute at Orathanadu in Thanjavur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.64 crore.

❖ Construction of Building for Labour Commissionerate and its subsidiary office with basic infrastructure facilities at Anna Nagar in Chennai District – Additional amentities for seating arrangements and storage facilities District has been completed at a cost of Rs.3.77 crore.

❖ Construction of integrated office complex at Tirunelveli District encompasses Employment & Skill Development guidance centre, SC & ST training centre and guiding centre and Joint Director (Employment) office is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.05 crore.

❖ Establishment of 5 new Government Industrial Training Institutes at Manamadurai, Ottanchathiram, Kadaladi, Thenkanikottai and Kunnam are in progress at a cost of Rs.38.24 crore.

❖ Construction of additional building for Singaravelar Guest House building at Valparai in Coimbatore District is in progress at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore.

❖ Refurbishment of Infrastructure & basic facilities in 27 Government ITIs are in progress at a cost of Rs.18.83 crore.

❖ Construction of Salem Government Law College building with hostels for boys and girls in Salem (South) of Salem District is in progress at a cost of Rs.101.55 crore.

❖ Construction of academic and admin block in Government Law College at Madurai District is completed at a cost of Rs.40.08 crore.

❖ Construction of Government Law College, boys and girls hostels and infrastructural facilities at Master Plan complex in Namakkal District is in progress at a cost of Rs.92.31 crore.

❖ Construction of Government law College with boys, Girls hostels building at Karaikudi in Sivangangai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.100.45 crore.

❖ Construction of new circuit house buildings at headquarters in newly formed District of Tirupattur has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.98 crore.

❖ Construction of additional circuit house buildings at Cheyyar and Jamunamarathur has been completed at a cost Rs.6.25 crore.

- ❖ The construction and maintenance division office building including 3 sub division offices and 5 section offices at Cuddalore in Cuddalore has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.43 crore.
- ❖ Construction of new quarters for engineers in PWD at Trichy in Trichy District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.84 crore.
- ❖ Construction of new quarters for engineers in PWD at Tiruvarur in Tiruvarur District has been completed at an cost of Rupees One crore.
- ❖ Improvement works such as rainwater drainage works, repairs to internal roads, compound wall and other works in PWD Campus at Taramani, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.67 crore.
- ❖ The construction of dining hall for lady employees working in PWD Campus at Chepauk, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.67.88 lakh.
- ❖ Construction of New Building for the Office of the Chief Engineer (Buildings) Public Works Department, Chennai Region at Chepauk, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.23.05 crore.
- ❖ Construction of Additional Circuit House Buliding at Vellore in Vellore District Tiruvannamalai in Tiruvannamalai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.15.97 crore.
- ❖ Construction of new Circuit House at Ranipet in Ranipet District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.92 crore.
- ❖ Construction of new Circuit House at Chengalpattu in Chengalpattu District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.79 crore.
- ❖ Construction of Circuit House Building at Sathur in Virudhunagar District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.43 crore.
- ❖ Construction of new PWD Inspection Bungalow at Vaniyambadi, in Tiruppathur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.69 crore.

- Improvements to the Circuit house main building and additional circuit house buildings at Madurai in Madurai has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.49 crore.
- Construction of Subdivision Office Buildings at Karaikudi in Sivangangai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.93.28 lakh.
- Construction of 50 Numbers of Government Staff Quarters at Udhagamandalam in the Nilgiris District has been completed at a cost of Rs.11.87 crore.
- Construction of Sub Division Office in Public Works Department Campus at Thoothukudi in Thoothukudi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.0.40 crore.
- Construction of Division Office Building at Kallakurichi in Kallakurichi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.73 crore.
- Construction of new Circuit House at Nagapattinam in Nagapattinam District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.68 crore.
- Construction of Government Circuit House building at Mayiladuthurai in Mayiladuthurai District and Kallakurichi in Kallakurichi District is in progress at a cost of Rs.13.97 crore.
- Construction of 16 Numbers Staff Quarters at Kothagiri in the Nilgiris District 'B' Type - 4 Quarters is in progress at a cost of Rs.5.21 crore.
- Construction of New multistoried "C" type Quarters at Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.99.76 crore.
- Modernization and Improvement of Seating arrangements and storage units in Public works Department section Offices at 5th floor of NKM Building, Secretariat, Chennai-9 is in progress at a cost of Rs.82 lakh.
- Renovation of 9 blocks comprising of 54 houses and improving the surrounding infrastructure in PWD Workshop staff quarters at Thandiayarpet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.33 crore.
- Smart class rooms, Additional rooms and furniture arrangements and other Improvement works to Staff Training Institute, at Trichy in Trichy District is in progress at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- Construction of "B" type Quarters for the Government Servants at Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.88.49 crore.
- Providing Road and other Additional Amenities in the Government PWD Employees Residential Complex at Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.23.49 crore.
- Construction of new multistoried "C" type quarters (190 Nos) at Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet, Chennai- is in progress at a cost of Rs.103 crore.
- Construction of 96 Staff Quarters for Government Printing Press at Tondiarpet, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.34.49 crore.
- Conservation, renovation and restoration of 17 heritage buildings in various Districts is in progress at a cost of Rs.103.74 crore.
- Conservation, renovation and restoration of 8 heritage buildings in various Districts will be taken up shortly at a cost of Rs.49.76 crore.

- Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of Muthammal Chathiram at Orathanadu in Thanjavur, Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of Directorate Boilers Office at Chepauk in Chennai Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of Heritage Travellers Bungalow of Highways Department at Kodumudi in Erode. Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of heritage dome in the College of Engineering, Guindy. Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of “Kalyana Mahal” Heritage Building at Thiruvaiyar in Thanjavur District. Conservation, Renovation and Restoration of portion of Sivaji Rajah Bhonsle (Sardar Mahal Palace) Residence Heritage Buildings in Thiruvaiyar palace in Thanjavur District would be taken up at a total estimated cost of Rs.69.40 crore.

- Providing additional amenities and Special repair works in Tamil Nadu Survey Training Institute at Orthanadu in Thanjavur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.23 crore.

- Construction of Taluk Office Building at 3 places at Andimadam in Ariyalur District, Kundrathur in Kancheepuram District, and Aruppukottai in Virudhunagar District has been completed at a cost of Rs.10.08 crore.

- Construction of Tahsildar Quarters at 5 places at Gumidipoondi in Tiruvallur District, Vikkiravandi in Villupuram District, Aranthangi in Pudukottai District, Kuthalam and Tharangampadi in Mayiladuthurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.04 crore.

- Construction of Taluk Office and quarters at 2 places Thiruvattar and Killiyur in Kanniyakumari District has been completed at a cost of Rs.6.10 crore.

- Construction of VAO Office cum Quarters at 7 places has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.07 crore.

- Construction of Revenue Inspectors office cum Quarters at 28 places has been completed at a cost of Rs.5.92 crore.

- Construction of Buildings for New Collectorate at 2 places in Mayiladuthurai and Virudhunagar has been completed at a cost of Rs.185.05 crore.
- Construction of Buildings for New Collectorate at 2 places in Ranipet and Tirupathur has been completed at a cost of Rs.228.11 crore.
- Construction of Revenue Divisional Office at 2 places Vedaranyam in Nagapattinam District, Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.5.81 crore.
- Construction of Revenue Divisional Quarters at 3 places Sankarankoil in Tenkasi District, Vedaranyam in Nagapattinam District and Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.
- Construction of Taluk office Building at 3 places Nannilam in Thiruvarur, Vandalur in Chengalpattu District, and Orthanadu in Thanjavur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.11.29 crore.
- Construction of Tahsildar Quarters Valangaiman in Tiruvarur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.38 lakh
- Construction of Tahsildar Quarters at Vandalur in Chengalpattu District has been completed at a cost of Rs.33 lakh.
- Construction of Additional Building (G+5 floors)in Dharmapuri District Collectorate campus at Dharmapuri District is in progress at a cost of Rs.36.62 crore.
- Construction of 5 Taluk office buildings and 8 Tahsildar quarters buildings are in progress at a cost of Rs.25.03 crore.
- Construction of GDP Hall and additional office complex in District Collectorate campus at Tiruvannamalai in Tiruvannamalai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.12.17 crore.
- Construction of Cyclone Shelter at Nambiyar Nagar Village of Nagapattinam Taluk in Nagapattinam District is in progress at a cost of Rs.6.35 crore.
- Construction of Taluk office Building at Nagapattinam in Nagapattinam District is in progress at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- Construction of Revenue Inspector office cum quarters building at 50 places is in progress at a cost of Rs.15.25 crore.
- Providing Additional basic amenities at Collectorate building at Tirupathur in Tirupathur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.11.67 crore.
- Construction of Taluk Office and Tahsildar quarters at RS Mangalam in Ramanathapuram District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.05 crore.
- Modernization of Connemara Public Library building at Chennai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.319.50 lakh.
- Construction of Dr.S.R.Aranganathan Memorial model library building at Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.132 lakh.
- Construction of Sennapulavar R.Karmeganar branch library building at Abiram in Ramnad District has been completed at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- Construction of ornamental entrance arch in the Directorate of School Education, DPI Campus has been completed at a cost of Rs.85 lakh.

- Work of providing infrastructure facilities in Government High / Higher Secondary Schools under RMSA scheme. Of which Perumanallur, Tiruppur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.61 crore.
- Construction of dormitory cum class room building for KGBV type II in GHS & residential school at Sokkumaripalayam, Nanjai Puliyampatti&Kurichi at Erode District & Pachery, Tharisukadu&Vanapuram at Kallakurichi District. 5 Works were completed & 1 Work is in progress at a cost of Rs.603.55 lakh.
- Construction of CEO office complex at Tiruvannamalai in Tiruvannamalai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.19.50 crore.
- Work of providing infrastructural facilities in Government High / Higher Secondary Schools under NABARD assistance scheme RIDF 26 for 2,670 works were completed, at a cost of Rs.106.782 crore.
- Infrastructural facilities in Government High / Higher Secondary Schools under NABARD assistance scheme RIDF 27, 17 Works have been completed and 1 works are in progress at a cost of Rs.32.85 crore.
- Provision of infrastructure facilities to 418 Government High / Higher Secondary Schools and Hostel for Boys and Girls for School of Excellence and Construction of Model Schools under NABARD RIDF XXVIII Of which 155 works were completed, 247 works are in progress and 16 works will be taken up shortly at a total cost of Rs.813.39 crore.
- Provision of infrastructure facilities to 173 Government High / Higher Secondary Schools under NABARD RIDF XXIX at a cost of Rs.215.76 crore. 2 works were completed, 154 works progress and 17 works to be taken up shortly.
- Provision of infrastructure facilities to 23 Government High / Higher Secondary Schools under NABARD RIDF XXIX at an estimated cost of Rs.58.60 crore. Of which 15 Schools works are in progress and 8 works will be taken up shortly.
- Construction of science lab and Library hall in GHSS & GHS under PMJVK Schemes in Pudukkottai District 7 works were completed and 2 Works are in progress at a cost of Rs.68 lakh.
- Work of providing additional safety compound wall arrangements for observation home in Government Children home campus at Thanjavur in Thanjavur District has been completed at a cost of Rs.63 lakh.
- Construction of new building for Directorate of Social Welfare at Lady Wellington Campus, Mylapore, Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.8.17 crore.
- Construction of convict block, remand block and modern kitchen block (place of safety) in Government after care Organisation at Athur, Chengalpattu District Work is in progress at a cost of Rs.15.95 crore.
- Establishment of “Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment” in Athur, Chengalpattu District is in progress at a cost of Rs.27 crore.

- Renovation and special repairs to leaky roof in the technical unit building in Government Press at Virudhachalam, Salem, Tiruchirappalli and Madurai has been completed at a cost of Rs.331.20 lakh.
- Renovation and special repair works of Komari building located at Government Central Press, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.94 lakh.
- Renovation and special repairs to the 150 years old 60,000 square feet around fifty works worth procurement stationery office building in Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.25 crore.
- Installation of CTP machine in Government Central Press Chennai-1 campus is in progress at a cost of Rs.21.25 lakh.
- Conservation, renovation and restoration of Brodie Castle heritage building (Thendral main building) in Government Music College, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.2.80 crore.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of Eyal Isai Nataka Mandram "Ponni Campus" at Greenways Road, Adyar, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.54 crore.
- Construction of District music school at Cuddalore in Cuddalore District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.60 crore.
- Renovation of open air auditorium in Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University at, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.43 crore.
- Renovation and improvement work in Museum theatre at Government Museum, Chennai is in progress at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Conservation of new building for Government Museum at Hasthampatti at Salem in Salem District is in progress at an cost of Rs.5 crore.
- Renovation, restoration and upgradation of Gandhi Memorial Museum at Madurai in Madurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.49 crore.
- Restoration and upgradation of Danish Fort at Tharangambadi in Mayiladuthurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.63 crore.
- Restoration and upgradation of Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal at Madurai in Madurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.3.73 crore.
- Conservation and renovation of Durbar hall at Thanjavur in Thanjavur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.6.78 crore.
- Construction of new museum building complex to preserve the underneath artefacts excavated at Porunai (Porunai Museum) at Kulavanigarpuram Village, Palayamkottai Taluk in Tirunelveli District is in progress at a cost of Rs.33.02 crore.
- Construction of archaeology museum at Pattaraiperumbudur Village in Tiruvallur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.2.70 crore.
- Conservation and restoration of Governor's Bungalow at Tharangambadi in Mayiladuthurai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.4.33 crore.

- Restoration and upgradation of Sharjah Maadi at Thanjavur in Thanjavur District is in progress at a cost of Rs.9.12 crore.
- Special repairs to damaged floor, wall, and leaky roof including water supply and sanitary arrangements in old RDO office (proposed conversion as MUSEUM) at Nagapattinam in Nagapattinam District will be taken up at an cost of Rs.1.39 crore.
- Construction of building for Government Museum in Master Plan Complex at Viluppuram in Viluppuram District will be taken up at a cost of Rs.5.60 crore.
- Construction of infrastructure facilities for proposed theme park in fossil museum at Varanavasi in Ariyalur District will be taken up at an cost of Rs.10 crore.
- The Work of shifting Government Museum functioning in Virudhunagar District to the own building will be taken up at an cost of Rs.6.81 crore.
- Construction of Building for the Office of the Transport Commissioner at Guindy , Chennai has been completed at a cost of Rs.36 crore.
- Construction of Motor Vehicle Inspector Unit Vehicle Inspector Office Building at Valapady in Valapady Taluk of Salem District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.62 crore.
- Construction of Own building with Driving Testing Track for the Regional Transport Office at Namakkal (South) in Namakkal District has been completed at a cost of Rs.4.17 crore.
- Construction of Motor Vehicle Inspector Office (Unit Office) with Testing Track at Karaikudi in Sivagangai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.
- Construction of R.T.O Unit Office Building and Motor Testing Track in Madurai (South) Madurai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.3.78 crore.
- Construction of own building for sub-treasury at Thottiyam in Trichy District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.41 crore.
- Construction of own Building for Sub Treasury at Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District has been completed at a cost of Rs.1.02 crore.
- Construction of compound wall for Sub-Treasury building at Theni in Theni District has been completed at a cost of Rs.12 lakh.
- Construction of Building for Sub–Treasury at Thirupuvanam in Sivagangai District has been completed at a cost of Rs.88 lakh.
- Construction of Building for Sub–Treasury at Kolli Hills in Namakkal District has been completed at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Construction of own Building for sub-treasury at Arani in Tiruvannamalai District is in progress at a cost of Rs.1.27 crore

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Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agro Service Co-operatives, Horticulture, Sugars, Sugarcane Excise, Sugarcane Development and Waste Land Development

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare

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Agriculture Department

Food Grain Production

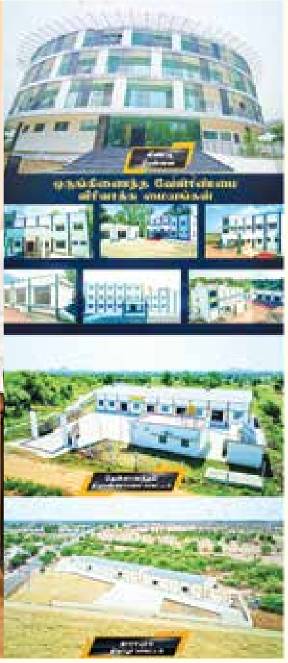
- 341.73 lakh metric tonnes of food grain production has been achieved.

Paddy Cultivation

- Paddy was cultivated in an area of 64.80 lakh Ha.
- During 2023-2024 Kuruvai season, an area of 5.596 lakh acres has been covered in Delta Districts which is a historic achievement over 48 years.

Kuruvai Cultivation Package Scheme

- Kuruvai special package scheme has been implemented at a cost of Rs.186.50 crore and a historic achievement of 15.85 lakh acres of Kuruvai paddy cultivation has been achieved during Kuruvai season.
- Under this scheme, 7,709 MT of paddy seeds at a cost of Rs.13.52 crore and 83,501 MT of fertilizers at a cost of Rs.148.87 crore have been distributed to the farmers.



Provision of tarpaulin to reduce post-harvest losses

- To reduce post-harvest losses in Cereals, 1.15 lakh tarpaulins have been procured at a cost of Rs.9.96 crore and distributed to 1.15 lakh farmers.
- 60,000 Tarpaulins are being procured at a cost of Rs.4.98 crore and distributed to farmers to reduce post-harvest losses in food grains during 2023-2024.

Supply of Zinc Sulphate and Gypsum to increase productivity in paddy

- A sum of Rs.7.96 crore has been allocated for supply of Zinc Sulphate and Gypsum to 2.41 lakh acres of paddy land. A total of 2.41 lakh farmers have been benefited under this scheme.
- In 2023-2024, zinc sulphate and gypsum for 2,00,000 acres are being procured at a cost of Rs.5 crore and distributed to farmers.

Millets

- In order to increase the area, production and productivity of millets and to create awareness among the public on importance of millets, Tamil Nadu Millet Mission Scheme, NFSM – Nutri Cereals, NFSM – Coarse Cereals and NADP – Special Package for bringing fallow land into cultivation schemes were successfully implemented during the year 2021-2022 with the financial outlay of Rs.26.26 crore. Through these schemes, millets were cultivated in 9.55 lakh acres and 3.66 lakh farmers have benefitted.
- During the year 2022-2023, Food and Nutritional Security Scheme was implemented with a fund allocation of Rs.30.34 crore. Two millet special zones have been formed comprising 25 Districts.
- In the financial year 2023-2024, the Food and Nutrition Security Mission is being implemented with an allocation of Rs.31.14 crore and also providing ploughing subsidy to Millet growing farmers under the National Agricultural Development Scheme (NADP) is being implemented with an allocation of Rs.2.79 crore.
- In addition, the Tamil Nadu Millet Mission was implemented in 25 Districts in 2023 with an allocation of Rs.65.04 crore by integrating various Union and State Government Schemes.

Pulses

- ❖ Pulses was cultivated in an area of 16.18 lakh Ha. In order to increase the area and Production of Pulses, the “Pulses Development Scheme was implemented with the financial allocation of Rs.107.86 crore benefitting 4.06 lakh farmers.
- ❖ During the year 2023-2024, it has been planned to cultivate pulses in an area of 7.4 lakh Ha. With the vision of attaining self sufficiency in pulses, it has been planned to implement “Pulses Development Scheme” with the financial allocation of Rs.30.18 crore benefitting 1,79,996 farmers.

Oil Seeds

- ❖ Oil seed crops were cultivated in an area of 11.80 lakh hectares. To achieve self-sufficiency in the production of oilseeds, Rs.83.46 crore was allocated and 4.03 lakh farmers benefited through this scheme.
- ❖ Soybean demonstrations were laid in an area of 2,384 Ha, with an expenditure of Rs.1.20 crore benefitting 2,380 farmers.

Cotton

- ❖ Cotton was cultivated in an area of 4.51 lakh hectares and 8.99 lakh bales were produced.
- ❖ Schemes have been implemented to increase the productivity of the cotton crop with an allocation of Rs.37.075 crore. 1,44,647 farmers have benefited from this.

Coconut

- ❖ 19,922 farmers have benefited from the project fund of Rs.40.59 crore to increase the area under Coconut cultivation.

Tamil Nadu Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA)

- ❖ 51,972 MT of Paddy, 2,577 MT of Millets, 15,565 MT of Pulses, 12,794 MT of Oilseeds and 67 MT of Cotton totalling 84,675 MT of seeds have been distributed to farmers through the Agricultural Extension Centres .

Nel Jeyaraman’s Traditional Paddy Conservation Mission

- ❖ Under this scheme, 16 traditional Paddy varieties were raised in 33 State seed farms by the Department of Agriculture in an area of 200 acres and the seeds produced were distributed to farmers at 50 percent subsidy through Block Integrated Agriculture Extension Centres. 479 MT of Traditional Paddy variety seeds were distributed at an

expenditure of Rs.120.23 lakh benefitting 36,103 farmers.

- Further in 2024-2025, it has been planned to distribute 200 MT of Traditional paddy seeds at 50 percent subsidy at an allocation of Rs.50 lakh. For producing the seeds, seed farm has been raised in 200 acres in the State Seed Farm.

Distribution of Agricultural Implements to farmers

- During 2021-2022, 65,734 agricultural implement kits has been distributed at an expenditure of Rs.14.89 crore benefitting 65,734 small and marginal farmers at 75 percent subsidy to general farmers and 90 percent subsidy to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe farmers.
- During 2022-2023, 1.02 lakh agricultural implement kits have been supplied at an expenditure of Rs.14.88 crore and 1.02 lakh agriculture implement kits has been distributed to small, marginal farmers at 50 percent subsidy.
- During 2023-2024 to benefit small, marginal farmers and landless agricultural labourers, 67,918 agriculture implement kits will be distributed at 50 percent subsidy at an allocation of Rs.9.94 crore.

Plant Protection

- To Control Fall Army Worm (FAW) infestation in Maize crop, in an area of 80,000 ha, an amount of Rs.20 crore was sanctioned and 77,399 farmers were benefitted under this scheme and the incidence was controlled effectively.
- To control the Rugose Spiralling Whitefly (RSW) attack in coconut crop, an amount of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned towards the installation of yellow sticky trap, release of predator Chrysoperla to cover 20,000 Ha and 15,366 coconut growing farmers were benefitted under this scheme.
- An amount of Rs.25 lakh sanctioned from the special fund towards the management of Pokkah Boeng disease and mealy bug in sugarcane in Ariyalur District.

Popularisation of Bio Control Agents – Predators and Parasitoids

- Various Bio control agents such as 8,88,309 kg of Trichoderma viride, 9,52,367 kg of Pseudomonas fluorescens, 74,763 kg of Beauveria bassiana, 3,22,434 kg of Metarhizium anisopliae, 14,672 litres of NPV are being produced from the Biocontrol laboratories and distributed to the farmers through Agricultural Extension centres at subsidized costs.

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme

- Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme is being implemented from 2021-2022 for a period 5 years. The Scheme is being implemented in village panchayats identified for the implementation of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, implemented by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- The Scheme was implemented in 7,705 Village panchayats with an allocation of Rs.691.018 crore. Under the Scheme, 1,791 fallow land clusters were formed, 809 bore wells/tube wells and 112 open wells were created, electrical connections given to 606 wells and Solar pumps were installed in 97 wells.
- Further, 1,759 farm ponds were formed, 1,306 bore/ tube wells were created for the benefit of SC / ST farmers. In 383 fallow land clusters, micro irrigation units were installed and in 321 fallow land clusters fruit tree seedlings were planted in 3,820 acres.

- ❖ Also 46.08 lakh Coconut seedlings, Pulses Seeds for 0.3 lakh Ha for bund cropping, 3.53 lakh Ha Liquid bio fertilisers, 1.01 lakh Power sprayers, 21,086 Tarpaulins, 20,412 farm implement kits, 2.5 lakh home garden kits, 11,460 Plastic crates and drums, One lakh fruit tree seedlings, 11.05 lakh 5 types of fruit seedlings kits were distributed.
- ❖ Further 200 mushroom units and 185 multipurpose drying yards were created. So far 44.37 lakh farmers have benefited under the scheme. Further 5,725 ponds / oorunies / supply channels which are under the control of Rural development and Panchayat Raj Department were de-silted and improved.

Chief Minister's Dryland Development Mission

- ❖ The scheme was implemented with a financial allocation of Rs.195.24 crore covering 15 lakh acres benefiting 5.90 lakh farmers.
- ❖ Cultivation of millets in 8.02 lakh acres, pulses in 5.10 lakh acres, oilseed crops in 1.22 lakh acres and cotton in 66,000 acres were covered under this scheme.

"Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover on Farm lands" (TNMSGCF)

- ❖ "Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover on Farm lands" was implemented in 36 Districts. An amount of Rs.23 crore has been allocated for the distribution of 1.97 crore saplings. A total of 1.97 crore saplings have been distributed free of cost to 83,406 farmers.
- ❖ During 2023-2024, based on the New Agroforestry Guidelines released by Government of India, Agroforestry scheme is being implemented by Agriculture, Horticulture Department, Forest Department and Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam. To Strengthen the Nurseries to produce Quality Planting Material (QPM), subsidy is being provided for the establishment of small, medium and big Nurseries, Hi-Tech Nurseries raising tree saplings in the existing nurseries and tissue culture nurseries with a total financial allocation of Rs.14.98 crore.
- ❖ Also, distribution of 75 lakh saplings to farmers to plant in Farmlands is under

progress by Dovetailing Green Tamil Nadu Mission scheme of Forest Department.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

- Under the ‘Tamil Nadu Water Resources Land Development Project’, a financial achievement of Rs.42.17 crore was achieved and 1.31 lakh farmers have benefited.
- For the model village project, financial achievement of Rs.74.77 lakh was achieved benefiting 2,50,014 farmers under this scheme.

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)

- 23,421 trainings on recent agricultural technologies, 6,380 exposure visits, 1,438 farm schools and 35,014 demonstration have been conducted under ATMA at a cost of Rs.71.86 crore and 13.09 lakh farmers have benefited.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- A claim amount of Rs.4,525 crore has been disbursed to 26.32 lakh farmers. During the year 2020-2021, Rs. 2,685 crore was disbursed as compensation under crop insurance scheme to 13.21 lakh farmers, Rs. 836 crore was disbursed to 6.88 lakh farmers in 2021-2022, Rs. 904 crore was disbursed to 5.14 lakh farmers in 2022-2023 and Rs.100 crore has been disbursed to 1.09 lakh farmers for the year 2023-2024 as compensation under crop insurance.

Soil Health Management

- 11.65 lakh soil samples were collected, analyzed and soil health cards were distributed to the farmers.
- Tamil Mannvalam portal was developed and inaugurated. Through this portal, farmers can know their survey number wise soil fertility status and download the Soil Health Card.
- On this web portal, soil test result data for 40 lakh field numbers has been uploaded.
- So far, through the Tamil Nadu Soil Health web portal, 1,78,830 soil health cards have been downloaded and issued to farmers.
- Under the National Agricultural Development Programme - Soil Health and Fertility Scheme 2023-2024, an amount of Rs.26.70 crore was approved by the Government, for the activities viz., collection of soil sample and distribution of soil health cards for 2.5 lakh samples in the villages under the Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme. Setting up of new soil testing laboratory at Mayiladuthurai and procurement of 5 new mobile soil testing laboratories are in progress.

Making Youth into Agri-Entrepreneurs

- During 2021 and 2022, 268 unemployed graduates were assisted with a financial assistance of Rs.2.68 crore and they have started Agri Clinic / Agriculture related business. In the year 2023-2024, it is being implemented for the benefit of 88 unemployed graduates with a financial outlay of Rs.88 lakh to start Agri Clinic / Agriculture related business.

Formation of Agricultural Zonal Committees

- Seven Zonal Committees have been formed under the Chairmanship of Director of Agriculture / Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops comprising District Collectors, officers from Department of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Public Works/Water Resources Department, Pollution Control Board and Forest

Department, pioneer farmers and environmental experts as members.

SDRF provided for agricultural crop damage caused by natural calamities

- In Tamil Nadu, during last 3 years, SDRF Relief Assistance of Rs.833.88 crore as Input subsidy had been disbursed to 11.95 lakh farmers whose Agricultural crops were damaged to an extent of 19.84 lakh acres by natural calamities like Flood, Drought, Cyclone and Hailstorm, etc.

Collective Farming

- In this scheme, Government of Tamil Nadu has provided Rs.55 crore as corpus fund for Farmers Producer Group to purchase farm machinery (tractor, rotary harrow, seeding equipment, power weeder, etc.) required for farming.

Integrated Farming System

- 42,686 Integrated Farming Systems were formed at 50 percent subsidy with an allocation of Rs.168.01 crore.

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

- This scheme is being implemented by forming 725 Organic Farming clusters covering an area of 35,815 acres to promote organic farming with organic certification at an allocation of Rs.26 crore.

IT initiatives in Agriculture Sector

- Registration for Agricultural Services / Inputs has been made online, through which 10.67 lakh beneficiaries have registered and eligible beneficiaries were approved to avail the extended benefits.
- A separate licensing platform called Pesticide Enforcement Management Information System (PEMIS) was developed for registration of new Pesticide license, renewal of existing license and uploading of old license.

- A provision for advance booking of Dwarf X Tall (DXT) coconut seedlings has been created and 6,338 beneficiaries have registered for coconut seedlings.
- An online DBT platform, TANSEDA Online Payment System (TOPS) was developed to facilitate the direct cash transfer for the Seeds procured from the farmers. Rs.248 crore have been credited to farmers' bank accounts through the platform.
- A Facility has been created towards the payment of agricultural inputs purchased by farmers at Agricultural Extension Centers through Cashless Transaction (Debit Card/ Credit Card /UPI).

Sugar Department

Sugarcane Cultivation Area for Sugar Mills

- Sugarcane registered area has increased from 95,000 Ha. in the 2019-2020 season to 1.37 lakh Ha. in the 2022-2023 season.

Sugarcane crushing

- Sugarcane crushing has increased from 98.67 lakh MT in the 2020-2021 season to 160.54 lakh MT in 2022-2023 season.

Sugar Recovery

- The highest sugar recovery of 9.27 percent has been achieved in 2022-2023 crushing season after a period of eleven years.

Sugarcane Price

- A static sugarcane price of Rs.2,750 per tonne has been increased to Rs.3,134.75 per tonne.

Ways and Means Advance

- A sum of Rs. 600.37 crore has been extended to the sugar mills as ways and means advance to clear the sugarcane payment to the farmers.

Automated Weighment System

- Automated Weighment System has been installed in 15 Co-operative and Public sector Sugar mills, at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.

Modernisation of laboratory

- In 15 Cooperative and Public Sector Sugar mills, laboratories have been modernised at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

Sugarcane harvesters

- 77 sugarcane harvesters have been issued to the farmers through Agriculture Engineering Department under the scheme of Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) with subsidy.

Transitional Production Incentives to Sugarcane farmers through DBT

- Transitional Production Incentive of Rs.623.99 crore has been disbursed directly to the bank accounts of about 3,53,587 farmers.
- The government has announced a special incentive of Rs. 215 per ton for the Rabi season in the year 2023-2024, with a financial outlay of Rs. 250 crore.

Special Scheme for Sugarcane Production

- A subsidy amount of Rs.2 crore has been disbursed to 2,037 farmers under the Special Scheme for Sugarcane Production for the distribution of high yielding, high sugar recovery sugarcane varieties, breeder seed cane, Tissue culture seedlings and Bud chip seedlings.

Micro Irrigation Scheme

- 11,572 hectares of sugarcane cultivation under Micro Irrigation Scheme has been set up with 100 per cent subsidy.

National Agricultural Development Programme

- ❖ Sugarcane development projects with a subsidy of Rs.8.40 crore.
- ❖ Cement floors at a cost of Rs.1.92 crore.
- ❖ Spindle inverters installed at a cost of Rs.1.28 crore.

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme

- ❖ A subsidy amount of Rs.1.67 crore has been disbursed to farmers under the scheme of Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme for the distribution of high yielding, high sugar recovery sugarcane varieties breeder seeds, budchip seedlings and single bud setts.

Wild boar repellent

- ❖ Farmers who have registered sugarcane in Co-operative and Public Sector Sugar Mills have been issued “Wild Boar Repellent” liquid produced by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to control the damage of crops caused by wild boar at a subsidy of Rs.2,250 per hectare, thus 2,000 Ha, at a cost of Rs.45 lakh.

Cogeneration Project

- ❖ In Dharmapuri District Co-operative Sugar Mill, a 12 MW cogeneration facility has been commissioned and put into commercial operation.
- ❖ Among the six plants where co-operative and public sector sugar mills were not operational, steps have been taken to restart work at the co-operative sugar mills, namely MRK, Kallakurichi-1, and Kallakurichi-2.
- ❖ Among these, the 15 MW co-generation project at the MRK Co-operative Sugar Mill has been completed, and a trial run is underway since December 31, 2023.
- ❖ A project has been initiated to transform sugar mill waste into nutrient-rich compost.
- ❖ In Salem Co-operative Sugar Mill, a scheme has been implemented at a cost of

Rs.1.50 crore to upgrade the press mud produced in the sugar mill into nutrient-rich fertilizer and distribute it to the sugarcane farmers at a fair price.

Wage Increase to sugar mill employees

- 35 percent wage hike has been ordered for employees and laborers working in Co-operative and Public Sector sugar mills with effect from 01.10.2018.

Profit making Sugar Mills

- Five Co-operative and Public Sector sugar mills viz. Kallakurichi, Subramania Siva, Dharmapuri, Perambalur and Chengalrayan made huge profits.

Horticulture and Plantation Crops

High crop yield with drip irrigation

- Over the last three years, micro irrigation systems have been installed across an area of 3.02 lakh hectares, benefiting 3.03 lakh farmers, at a total cost of Rs.2,325 crore.
- The project is being implemented in an area of 1,02,748 hectares, benefiting 1,17,738 farmers, during the year 2024-2025, with a budget allocation of Rs. 888.694 crore.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture – National Horticulture Mission

- Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) - National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is implemented.
- To enhance the holistic growth of Horticulture, the scheme was implemented with a financial outlay of Rs.495.67 crore.
- Seed production plots for horticulture crops have been established at an area of 275 Ha for an outlay of Rs.96.25 lakh under Production of Planting Material component, an area of 71,316 ha has been covered under new area expansion of horticulture crops at an outlay of Rs.135.73 crore, Rejuvenation of old orchards of Mango, Cashew, Jasmine and Curry Leaf was done in 3,145 Ha at an outlay of Rs.6.27 crore, under creation of water resources, 1,918 water harvesting system have been created for individuals at an outlay of Rs.13.97 crore.
- Under Protected Cultivation, 9.23 lakh sq.mt of poly green house, 4.61 lakh sq. mt. of shade net house and 7,855 Ha of plastic mulching have been established at a financial outlay of Rs.67.02 crore. To promote Integrated Nutrient of Pest Management (INM-IPM) assistance has been provided to 19,585 Ha of land, at an outlay of Rs.2.34 crore.
- Organic farming has been promoted in 46,550 ha. providing assistance at a financial outlay of Rs. 14.82 crore, 1,111 Vermicompost units and 3,200 HDPE Vermibeds have been established at an outlay of Rs.8.10 crore. Under Mechanization component, 2,512 farm machineries have been distributed to the farmers at an outlay of Rs.5.88 crore.
- To prevent Post harvest losses, 2,269 Pack Houses, 6,833 Low-cost onion storages have been established and subsidies worth Rs.103.75 crore have been released.
- Under Marketing Infrastructure Development component, 5,583 mobile vending carts have been distributed to the farmers at an outlay of Rs.8.37 crore.

National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP)

- In the Year 2021-2022, an amount of Rs.12 crore was spent on cultivation of horticultural crops by farmers according to their choice and Rs.14 crore was spent on banana bunch sleeves and pandal cultivation of horticultural crops.
- An amount of Rs.20 crore was released for implementation of organic farming

system for cultivation of vegetables. A fund of Rs.1.92 crore has been spent to introduce new varieties of crops like brinjal, papaya, spinach and gourds released by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to the farmers. To increase soil fertility and promote vegetable cultivation in zero vegetable villages, the scheme has been implemented at an outlay of Rs.4 crore.

- ❖ In the year 2022-2023, to promote cultivation of Horticultural crops as an alternative to paddy, an amount of Rs.12 crore has been allocated.
- ❖ To promote traditional vegetable varieties, an amount of Rs.2 crore has been allocated.

Promotion of IIHR & TNAU Varieties in Horticultural Crops:

- ❖ To promote IIHR and TNAU Varieties of Horticulture crops, an amount of Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated.

Organic farming:

- ❖ Funds to a tune of Rs.50 lakh was allocated to promote organic farming of vegetables in an area of 1,000 hectares and the project has been implemented.

Precision Farming:

- ❖ To promote Precision farming, funds to a tune of Rs.7 crore has been allocated and the implementation of the project was completed.
- ❖ An amount of Rs.4 crore has been allocated and the implemented permanent pandal / stone pandle.

Construction of Permanent Pandal / Stone Pandal and Temporary Pandal:

- ❖ In the year 2023-2024 an amount of Rs.5.25 crore has been allocated and is being implemented to promote the establishment of permanent pandal / stone pandal and trellis under supporting structures for horticultural crops.

Mulching:

- ❖ An Amount of Rs.2.50 crore has been earmarked and is being implemented to encourage mulching.

- The area expansion of horticulture crops was implemented with a fund of Rs.4.75 crore.

Rainfed Area Development (RAD)

- 7,300 units of Integrated Farming System including Horticulture based farming system, Milch cow and goat rearing has been implemented at a cost of Rs.34.30 crore to provide sustainable and high income to the farmers.
- 9,695 units of integrated farming system including Milch cow / goat rearing, vegetable seeds, horticulture fruit tree seedlings, Apiary unit and Vermicompost unit are being implemented at an outlay of Rs.29.08 crore to generate sustainable and high income for the farmers.

Coconut Development Board Scheme for 2021-2022

- Under the establishment of the State Coconut Plantation Centre, demonstration setup, replanting and innovation, 6,764 beneficiaries have benefited from a fund of Rs. 1012.328 lakh.

Coconut Development Board Scheme for 2022-2023

- Under the establishment of the State Coconut Plantation Centre, demonstration setup, replanting and innovation, 8,367 beneficiaries have benefited from a fund of Rs. 923.115 lakh.

Coconut Development Board Scheme for 2023-2024.

- Under the establishment of the State Coconut Plantation Centre, demonstration setup, replanting and innovation, 8,270 beneficiaries have benefited from a fund of Rs.1,236.94 lakh.

Coconut Root Disease Recovery Plan for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

- Under this scheme, a financial achievement of Rs.1,485.319 lakh has been achieved for an area of 3,553 hectares and 5,107 beneficiaries have benefited and the scheme is under implementation.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TN-IAMP):

- In Crop Demonstration, an area of 19,380 Ha has been achieved with a financial outlay of Rs.39.92 crore.
- 6,395 Ha of micro irrigation installation for Rs.51.49 crore.
- Bio Village at an area of 3,664 Ha for Rs.0.44 crore. Mulching at an area of 359 Ha for Rs.0.57 crore.
- Shade net at an area of 20,000 sqm for Rs.0.71 crore.
- 1,516 Exposure Visits at a cost of Rs.0.30 crore.
- Model village activities have been implemented under this project in 107 villages at a cost of Rs.1.89 crore.

National Bamboo Mission (NBM)

- The scheme was implemented with the financial outlay of Rs.6.04 crore in an area of 1391 Ha.
- In the year 2024-2025, to implement this project in an area of 925 hectares with a fund of Rs.2.26 crore, the annual action plan has been approved and the work is being carried out in anticipation of the fund.

National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)

- An amount of Rs.5.41crore has been received and Oil Palm cultivation by Department of Agriculture has been carried out at area of 1196 Ha.
- For the year 2024-2025, an annual action plan of Rs.6.58 crore has been approved and the scheme is being implemented in anticipation of the funds.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- ❖ 3.79 lakh farmers have enrolled in an area of 1.15 lakh Ha in notified horticulture crops.
- ❖ In the year 2021-2022, under the Crop Insurance Scheme, among the farmers who insured their horticultural crops during the special season, 7,910 farmers have been disbursed a compensation amount of Rs.39.27 crore. In the 2021-2022, under the Crop Insurance Scheme, among the farmers who insured their crops during the Rabi season, 19,790 farmers have been disbursed a compensation amount of Rs. 31.66 crore. Furthermore, in the year 2022-2023, during the Rabi season, 7,996 farmers have been disbursed a compensation amount of Rs.7.62 crore, and during the special season, 1,956 farmers have received a compensation amount of Rs. 4.97 crore. A total of Rs.21.96 crore has been disbursed so far as compensation to 26,382 farmers for the year 2023-2024.

State Horticulture Development scheme (SHDS)

- ❖ During 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 this scheme was implemented at an outlay of Rs.103.12 crore.
- ❖ In current year 2024-2025, the State Horticulture Development Scheme is being implemented with a financial outlay of Rs.24.05 crore.

Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Program (KAVIADP)

- ❖ Kalaignar's All-Village Integrated Agricultural Development Program was implemented at a cost of Rs 71.89 crore in the last three years.
- ❖ In the current year 2024-2025, Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Program is being implemented with an allocation of Rs.15.20 crore.

Palmyrah Development Mission (PDM)

- ❖ Palmyrah is the State tree of Tamil Nadu, Palmyrah Development Mission is being implemented at an outlay of Rs. 4.55 crore during the year 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024. It was also implemented by the Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board for an amount of Rs.1.60 crore with the components such as providing training for the production of Palmyrah value added

products and providing equipments to trainees while providing training for making palm leaf products.

- In 2024-2025, the Palmyrah Development Mission is being implemented at an outlay of Rs.1.21 crore.

Collective Farming

- 500 Farmer Producer Groups were formed and provided with a corpus fund of Rs.25 crore. By this, 50,000 Small and Marginal farmers have been benefitted.

State Horticulture Farms, Parks and Gardens

- In the first 3 years, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 93.50 crore of planting materials, are being produced in State Horticulture Farms and Parks and Gardens and distributed to the farmers.
- It is planned to produce 19.55 crore saplings in the year 2024-2025 and production work is in progress. So far, 47 lakh saplings have been produced and distributed.
- 858.688 MT of vegetable seeds were produced and distributed as kit and seed packets during Thai pattam and Aadi pattam.
- During 2024-2025, 117.81 MT of vegetable seeds production have been planned, and distributed.
- Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops have conducted flower show at Chennai.
- Every year, during summer season shows like Flower show, Vegetable show, Fruit show, Spices show, Saral vizha, etc., are being conducted in parks and gardens.
- The works are under progress to set up a Medicinal Garden at Vadalur, Neithal park at Nagore, and marutham park at Thanjavur District.
- In order to elevate the beauty of the parks, Topiary structures at Yercaud and Light and Musical fountain at Madhavaram are being set up and the works are under progress.
- New State Horticulture Farm at Elavalapakkam, Viluppuram District is being formed.
- In front of Semmozhi Poonga, Kalaignar Centenary Park is being established and the works are under progress.
- In State Horticulture Farms, Germplasm Collections /Gene Bank have been established for Mango, Jack, Banana, Coconut, Guava and other Tropical fruits, Sub Tropical fruits, Spice crops and traditional crops.

Kalaignar Centenary Flower Show

- For the "Commemoration of Centenary year celebration of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar", an exclusive Flower Show is conducted at Semmozhi Poonga. For the first time, flower show has been conducted in a unique way with 12 lakh numbers of 28 different kind of plants. This show attracted around 1.5 lakh visitors.

Relief fund for Horticulture crop

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Northeast Monsoon 2021:

- Under the State Disaster Relief Fund, Rs. 40.23 crore was provided as input relief to 40,033 farmers affected by damaged horticultural crops.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Northeast Monsoon 2022:

- Under the State Disaster Relief Fund, Rs.0.53 crore was provided as input relief to 1,088 farmers affected by damaged horticultural crops.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Southwest Monsoon 2022 :

- Under the State Disaster Relief Fund, Rs.0.86 crore was provided as input relief to 2,040 farmers affected by damaged horticultural crops.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Mandous Cyclone 2022:

- Input subsidy amount of Rs.1.75 crore was sanctioned under SDRF and disbursed to 3,716 farmers.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Galewind 2023:

- Input subsidy amount of Rs.3.77 crore was sanctioned under SDRF and disbursed to 5,596 farmers.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Michaung Cyclone 2023:

- Under the State Disaster Relief Fund, Rs.2.69 crore was provided as input relief to 4,311 farmers affected by damaged horticultural crops.

Horticulture Crop Damage due to Heavy rains in southern Districts during Northeast Monsoon 2023:

- Rs 41.24 crore has been given to 62,735 affected farmers under the State Disaster Relief Fund as compensation for damaged horticulture crops.

Relief work carried out by the Department of Horticulture and Plantation crops due to the flood in Thoothukudi District.

- Totally 90 tonnes of Vegetables worth Rs.25 lakh were sold by the field staffs of the Department of Horticulture, Agriculture and Agriculture Marketing.

Horticulture Crops: Area Coverage

- Horticulture crops were cultivated including fruits in 8.26 lakh acres, vegetables in 8.96 lakh acres, garden crops in 18.76 lakh acres, aromatic spice crops in 2.74 lakh acres, aromatic herbaceous crops in 0.40 lakh acres and flowers in 1.15 lakh acres. The total area under horticulture crops cultivation for the year 2023-2024 is 40.27 lakh acres.

Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

- During the Covid-19 pandemic, 284 Regulated Markets functioned interruptedly, a transaction to the tune of 1.15 lakh MT of various Agriculture commodities worth Rs.325 crore in the regulated markets, in 510 Storage godowns, 77,766 MT of various commodities were stored and 225 farmers have availed pledge loan to the tune of Rs.3.73 crore.
- Uzhavar Sandhai Farmers and Farmer Producer Companies sold 48,388 MT of Fruits and Vegetables at doorsteps of consumers through 74,415 vehicles.
- Control room and helpline desk were set up in both State and District level to solve the issues faced by the Farmers and consumers.

Regulated Markets

- A maximum quantity of 85.96 lakh MT of agricultural produce was transacted in the Regulated Markets generating revenue of Rs.428.28 crore.
- At the National level, for the first time in Tamil Nadu, 169 godowns have been accredited with Warehouse Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA). By generating electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) for 16,635 MT stock of agricultural produce in these Godowns, Rs.90 crore loan facilities were provided

to the Farmers and Traders. Tamil Nadu has received an award from the Union Government for two consecutive years for registering the highest number of Godowns with Warehouse Development and Regulatory Authority.

- ❖ In Tiruvarur District, 9 storage godowns with a total capacity of 14,000 MT at a cost of Rs.21.10 crore have been established and are being utilized by the farmers at Tiruvarur, Thiruthuraipoondi, Poonthottam, Mannarkudi, Kottur, Needamangalam, Valangaiman and Muthuppet. In addition, 50 drying yards and 4 driers have also been established at a cost of Rs.6.20 crore.
- ❖ Own building with infrastructural facilities are under construction at a cost of Rs.49.62 crore for 10 Regulated Markets namely Nagapattinam in Nagapattinam District, Chithode and Nambiyur in Erode District, Ilayankudi in Sivagangai District, Periyakulam in Theni District, Thirunavalur in Kallakurichi District, Sangagiri and Kadaiyampatti in Salem District and Namakkal and Rasipuram in Namakkal District.
- ❖ Construction work is in progress at Thalavadi Regulated Market in Erode District at a cost of Rs.5 crore and to set up a new Regulated Market at Alangulam in Tenkasi District at a cost of Rs.5.17 crore.
- ❖ Own building with infrastructural facilities is being constructed with the assistance from the Union and State Governments at the cost of Rs.17.60 crore at 6 Regulated Markets namely Adamangalambudur and Naidumangalam in Tiruvannamalai District, Papanasam in Thanjavur District, Gingee in Viluppuram District and Veppur in Cuddalore District.
- ❖ Strengthening the Infrastructure facilities in 100 Regulated Markets at a cost of Rs.47.30 crore is in progress.
- ❖ 8 subsidiary Regulated Markets with each 500 MT storage capacity were established at Bargur in Erode District, Ariyur in Kallakurichi District, Siruvanthadu in Viluppuram District, Tennur in Thanjavur District, Perundharakudi in Tiruvarur District, Manikapankulam in Nagapattinam District and Kelur and Kolappalur in Tiruvannamalai District with a total cost of Rs.7.52 crore near the high arrival Regulated Markets.
- ❖ 4 Storage godowns at a cost of Rs.2 crore with each 250 MT storage capacity have been established at Poolavadi, Bargur, Chidambaraviduthi and Erumapatti and are being utilized by farmers.
- ❖ Additional Storage Godowns for 6 Regulated Markets namely Sivagiri and Punjai Kalamangalam Regulated Markets in Erode District and Malayadippalayam, Negamam, Karamadai and Anaimalai Regulated Markets in Coimbatore District each with storage capacity of 1000 MT, are being constructed at a cost of Rs.12 crore.
- ❖ In 22 Regulated Markets, new godowns are being constructed at a cost of Rs.53.50 crore to replace 27 damaged godowns with a total capacity of 34,500 MT.
- ❖ 28 Drying yards in Regulated Market have been established at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore and utilized.
- ❖ For selling cotton twice a week at the Regulated Markets in the Delta Districts, and 1.45 lakh MT of cotton were transacted.
- ❖ The Government has issued an order to set up a High Level Committee to review and amend the Tamil Nadu Agricultural

Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987 and its Rules, 1991. The recommendations of the High Level Committee have been forwarded to the Government and approved by the Cabinet for appropriate legislative amendments.

- ❖ Gloriosa superba (Kanvalli kilanku) has been added in the schedule of Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act 1987 and notified in Dindigul and Tiruppur District to regulate the trade of Gloriosa superba.
- ❖ 157 Regulated Markets have been integrated with the electronic National Agriculture Market and 16.75 lakh MT of agricultural produce have been traded to the value of Rs.4,875.33 crore and 10.83 lakh farmers have been benefited.
- ❖ Unified Single License has been issued to 7,166 traders and 510 Farmers Producer Companies to trade the Agricultural produce all over Tamil Nadu .

Value addition centre and infrastructure facilities:

- ❖ Millet processing Centre has been established at Nilgiris for the benefit of farmers under the National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) at a cost of Rs.35 lakh. And also Integrated Rural Agricultural Market Complex has been established at Edapalli, Nilgiri District at the cost of Rs.2 crore.
- ❖ A pepper processing unit has been established in Kollimalai, Namakkal District for pepper producing farmers at the cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- ❖ In Thanjavur District, under the National Agricultural Development Programme, a Coconut Value Addition Center has been established at the project cost of Rs.5.20 crore.
- ❖ Banana Auction Center with grading hall and value addition machines has been established at Kalakkad, Tirunelveli District under the Special Area development programme at the cost of Rs.6.47 crore.
- ❖ Modern packing unit and Market promotion centre for edible oils has been established under National Agricultural Development Program (NADP) in Thellanandal, Thiruvannamalai District at the cost of Rs.3.20 crore.

- 500 MT cold storages are being established at Thalavadi and Burgur for storing the vegetables and fruits under the Special Area development programme at the cost of Rs.5.64 crore.
- Cold storages with a capacity of 1000 MT each have been established in Oddanchatram, Dindigul District, and Panruti, Cuddalore District, at an estimated cost of Rs. 10 crore, funded by the state government.
- To increase the income of sugarcane farmers, a high-quality jaggery production center has been established in Salem, Erode, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Theni, and Dindigul Districts under the State Agricultural Development Fund, with an allocation of Rs. One crore. These centers produce high-quality jaggery from sugarcane.
- Agricultural Market Intelligence cum Farmer Advisory Centre have been proposed to establish in 14 Districts for creating the awareness on market intelligence and training centre for farmers, entrepreneurs, Farmer producer organizations under National Agricultural Development Program (NADP) at a cost of Rs.11.76 crore. So far, work has been completed in 5 Districts and works are under progress in 9 Districts.
- In Supply Chain Management- Phase II, 20 Primary Processing Centres are established at a cost of Rs.102.47 crore under NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund in 9 Districts viz., Salem, Erode, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpet, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore,Villupuram and Karur Districts, Now Market Integration Partner has been identified and action is being taken to put them into use.

Uzhavar Sandhai

- In Uzhavar Sandhai, 2,300 MT of Vegetable and fruits worth Rs.8.5 crore are being sold by 8,000 farmers to 3 lakh consumers every day.
- 100 Uzhavar Sandhai had been renovated with modern facilities at a cost of Rs.27.5 crore and renovation work on progress in 25 Uzhavar Sandhai at a cost of Rs.8.18 crore.
- In order to decompose the waste generated in Uzhavar Sandhai, Decomposting machines had been set up at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore in 25 Uzhavar Sandhai and Compost being produced.
- 14 new Uzhavar Sandhai has been proposed to be established at a cost of Rs.8.28 crore. From this 7 new Uzhavar Sandhai have been established and utilized by public (Thalavadi, NGO colony, Machanallur, Vedachanthur, Pallikonda, Peranampet and Ponnamaravathi). In addition, works have been completed at 4 Uzhavar Sandhai and are in progress at 4 new Uzhavar Sandhai. The works for setting up the Uzhavar Sandhai in Peravurani, Thanjavur District, are nearing completion
- To benefit farmers, consumers, and educated youth in six Districts, namely, Trichy, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Salem, Chengalpattu, and Cuddalore - it is planned to procure 30 mobile fruits and vegetables sales vehicles, with a subsidy of Rs. 2 lakh per vehicle. So far, 29 vehicles have been subsidized, totaling Rs. 51.50 lakh.
- Efforts are being made to install electronic price display board at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore in 50 Uzhavar Sandhai and 50 Regulatory Markets so that farmers, consumers and traders can know the daily price details of the produce.
- Fifty farmers' markets (Uzhavar Sandhai) have obtained Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) certification, with

an allocation of Rs. 25 lakh to ensure the quality of produce sold in these markets.

- Electronic payments like UPI are encouraged in Uzhavar Sandhai.
- Market Opportunities have been created for 50 Farmer Producer Organizations by allotting shops in Uzhavar Sandhai for the sale of Value added products. Shops have also been earmarked for Agriculture and Horticulture Department to sell seeds, bio fertilizers, vegetable seeds, Seedling, Fruit grafting.

Farmer Producer Organisations

- The Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business has been formed and has promoted 397 Farmer Producer Organizations. The financial assistance has been provided for registration of Farmer Producer Company, startup grant for doing business, handholding cost for Resource Institutions, Chief Executive Officer salary, office equipment cost, administrative cost and subsidy for establishment of Seed Processing Units.
- Under Financing FPO scheme, loan amount of Rs.32.38 crore under Mezzanine Capital Assistance Scheme to 375 FPOs, amount of Rs.6.73 crore as coverage under Credit Guarantee Scheme to 47 FPOs and amount of Rs.26.55 crore under Revolving Fund Support to 201 FPOs has been sanctioned.
- 50 Speciality Shops are being established at a cost of Rs.5 crore in Corporations, for marketing of Farmer Producer Organizations' products.
- Capacity Building Trainings on good agricultural practices, corporate governance, business management, account-keeping, export marketing and Exposure Visit are being conducted through the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for 310 Farmer Producer Organizations at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- To facilitate the Farmer Producer Organizations to market their value added products with branding and packaging, training on Packaging and branding was imparted to 290 FPOs through Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP).
- Agri Business Expo was conducted on 08.07.2023 and 09.07.2023 at Chennai Trade Centre to facilitate marketing of produce and value added products of Farmer Producer Organizations. During the expo, 176 stalls were established for display of Farmer Producer Organizations' products. 1.83 lakh persons have participated in the expo and business transactions worth Rs.2.40 crore have been made.
- To promote online marketing, 183 Farmer Producer Organizations in ONDC platform, 89 Farmer Producer Organizations in Gem portal and 91 Farmer Producer Organizations in APEDA portal were registered.
- Whatsapp service (7200818155) facility is functioning for Farmer Producer Organizations.
- 13 Farmer Producer Organizations Consortium have been registered for marketing of value added products manufactured by Farmer Producer Organizations.

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF):

- For strengthening Agriculture infrastructure facilities, 3 percent subsidized interest subvention on loans are provided to farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies and Agri Entrepreneurs. This scheme also provides credit guarantee up to Rs.2 crore. Till 24.01.2024, 6,854 loan applications with Rs.1,950 crore has been sanctioned to the beneficiaries.

- Out of Rs.2 crore total estimate, with Rs.1.60 crore under AIF assistance, 1,000 MT eNAM transaction sheds have been constructed in Thalavadi and Nambiyur Regulated Markets and construction work is going on under the control of Erode Market Committee in the Chithode Regulated market.
- Out of Rs.1.96 crore total estimate, with Rs.1.56 crore under AIF assistance, 250 MT cold storage units construction work is going on in Chithode, Vellankoil Regulated Markets and Veppili sub regulated market.

Price Support Scheme

- 13,907 MT of Pulses were procured from 12,098 farmers and 1.47 lakh MT of Copra were procured from 1,11,492 farmers.

Food Parks/Agro Processing Clusters

- A Mega food park is being established in SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Gangaikondan in Tirunelveli District in an extent of 50 acres at a project cost of Rs.77.02 crore and steps are being taken for leasing out food park land to food processing investors for setting up of food processing units.
- Agro Processing Clusters are also being established in an extent of around 10 acres each with a financial outlay of Rs.189.98 crore in Seven locations viz., Cuddalore, Theni, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Salem and Madurai by availing financial assistance from Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India. Steps are being taken for leasing out of land to food processing investors to set up Food Processing Units.

Agro Export promotion

- Agro Export Facilitation Centre in the Agro Green park premises, Guindy, Chennai with necessary infrastructures has been established at a financial outlay of Rs.One crore.
- Steps are being taken to obtain Geographical Indication (GI) tags for unique products of the state. Twenty-five products have applied for Geographical Indication (GI) tags, and Cholavandan betel leaves have received the GI tag. In the current year (2024-2025), 10 additional products are in the process of obtaining Geographical Indication (GI) tags
- 112 training programmes were conducted at a cost of Rs.51.01 lakh benefitting 3,101 technical staff and farmers in Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board Training Centre, Salem.

Agricultural Engineering Department

- Under the Sub Mission on Agricultural mechanization, agricultural machinery and implements have been distributed to 39,376 farmers with the subsidy assistance of Rs.303.12 crore.
- Subsidy assistance of Rs.70.79 crore has been released to the Farmer Groups and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies for the establishment of 907 Village level Custom Hiring Centres.
- Subsidy assistance of Rs.10.15 crore has been released to the Farmer Groups, Entrepreneurs and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies for the establishment of 106 block level Custom Hiring Centres.
- To provide agricultural machinery for sugarcane cultivation to the farmers at nominal hire charges, 84 sugarcane based custom hiring centres were established with the subsidy assistance of Rs.37.33 crore.
- To extend the shelf life of agricultural produce cultivated by the farmers and to value add the produce, 1,638 value addition machinery were distributed to the individual farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups and Entrepreneurs etc., with a subsidy assistance of Rs.6.99 crore.

- For value addition of agricultural produce, 37 Value Addition Machinery Facilitation Centres have been established for Farmer Producer Organization and Farmers Group with a subsidy of Rs.1.82 crore.
- In order to popularize the use of solar energy in agriculture, 2,174 solar powered pumpsets were installed to the farmers with a subsidy of Rs.46.98 crore for irrigation facilities.
- The Poly carbonate sheet covered greenhouse type Solar driers were installed to 279 farmers with the subsidy assistance of Rs.5.64 crore.
- To help the farmers in different parts of the state, to protect their agricultural lands from animals, the solar fencing units were installed for the benefit of 268 farmers at a total subsidy assistance of of Rs.2.51 crore.
- In order to house and protect the Agricultural Engineering Department owned machinery and implements, 67 Agricultural Machinery Sheds were constructed at a cost of Rs.13.75 crore.
- For repair and maintenance of Agricultural Machinery and Solar pumpsets, 24 Service Centres were established with a subsidy assistance of Rs.95 lakh.
- Agricultural Engineering Department conducted 34 Training programmes for 467 rural youth on "Operation and maintenance of agricultural machinery and equipment service provider" in the six Government Tractor Workshops in co-ordination with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

Kalaignarin all village integrated agricultural development programme

- This programme is being implemented in the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam villages selected by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Creation of Water Source for Clusters (Borewell/ Tubewell) is being taken up where there is no water source available by the Agricultural Engineering Department. So far, 811 Borewell/ Tubewells were drilled and energized with Electrical Connection/ Solar Powered Pumpsets with an expenditure of Rs.62.98 crore. 112 Openwells were created in clusters and energization of wells is being carried out by the Agricultural Engineering Department with an expenditure amount of Rs.3.71 crore.
- Creation of Water Source for Individual SC/ ST farmers were taken up with 100 percent subsidy assistance and so far, 1,307 Borewell/

Tubewells have been created and energized with Electrical Connection/ Solar Powered Pumpsets at a cost of Rs.72.31 crore.

- Creation of Farm ponds taken up with 100 Percent subsidy assistance, so far 1,825 farm ponds were created by spending an amount of Rs.20.53 crore.
- Rehabilitation and Improvement works in Panchayat Union MI Tanks, Ponds, Ooranies, Supply Channels and other Water Harvesting Structures - Desilting works were done in 5,922 structures for an amount of Rs.34.99 crore.
- Distribution of Power Tillers with a subsidy assistance at a cost of Rs.12.748 crore have been provided to 1,526 farmers.
- In order to increase water availability, with the aim of storing more rainwater and increasing the flow of water through the inflow channels of water harvesting structures by way of desilting, the maintenance works of 2,654 water harvesting structures created were carried out at a total outlay of Rs.5.71 crore by using Agricultural Engineering Department owned machinery.
- Soil and Water conservation works were taken up under River Valley Project in South Pennaiyar and Mettur catchments of Krishnagiri and Erode Districts with the expenditure of Rs.3.17 crore.
- In 11 Districts namely, The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanyakumari, 463 Soil and water conservation and land development works were carried out by the Agricultural Engineering Department under Special Area Development Programme to a tune of Rs.43.13 crore.
- The 573 hectares of brackish land in Mayiladuthurai and Pudukkottai Districts have been replinished at a cost of Rs.3.41 crore to facilitate its use for agricultural production.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Har Khet Ko Pani component, 166 wells were created for ground water irrigation for the small and marginal farmers group of Scheduled caste and scheduled tribes with the subsidy assistance of Rs.8.92 crore.
- Under Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP), with World Bank assistance, 556 farm ponds were Constructed at a total cost of Rs.522.73 lakh.
- So far, in the 5 Districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, and Cuddalore, located in the Cauvery and Vennar watersheds, excavation work on the ‘C’ and ‘D’ section canals has been completed for a total length of 2,946.48 km at a cost of Rs. 9.97 crore.
- In the year 2024-2025, a fund of Rs. 10 crore has been allocated for a length of 2,235 kilometers, and so far, excavation works have been carried out for a length of 2,641 kilometers in the ‘C’ and ‘D’ section canals in 7 Districts, namely, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, and Cuddalore, at a cost of Rs. 3.94 crore
- To help the farmers to irrigate water, 3,320 new electric motor pumpsets were provided with the subsidy assistance of Rs.387.10 lakh.

e-Vaadagai mobile App

- The “e-Vaadagai Mobile App” was launched to facilitate the farmers to book the needed agricultural machinery from their house or

farm itself and they need not travel to the Agricultural Engineering Department (AED) offices towards booking of agricultural machinery. 1,46,720 lakh bookings have been made by the farmers through the "e-Vaadagai Mobile App", out of which 54,243 farmers have benefitted and an amount of Rs.96.33 crore has been collected as hire charge Revenue through the e-Vaadagai Mobile App.

- 275 tractors, 325 rotavators, 385 cluster ploughs, 120 gauge wheels, 32 paddy harvesters and 15 heavy-duty vehicles for carrying the harvested paddy, 5 sugarcane harvesters and their infielders, 20 land levelling lasers, 15 groundwater surveying equipment to carry out ploughing and other works which are most beneficial to the farmers and 3 mobile repair vehicles for repairing machinery and equipment in the field, have been procured from the Department of Agricultural Engineering at a cost of Rs.52.25 crore and allocated for the use of farmers and provided through the e-Rental app at low rent fixed by the Government.

- During the Michaung storm in 2023, the disaster management machinery of the Agricultural Engineering Department was engaged in relief work for 10,465 hours and during the flood caused by heavy rains in Thoothukudi District in December 2023, for 7,490 hours. Also, in the process of removing sand deposits deposited on agricultural lands due to floods caused by heavy rains in Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi districts, sand dunes covering an area of 1,164 hectares have been removed and work is ongoing. So far, 2,069 farmers have benefited.

- Agricultural Engineering Department has uploaded the details of 4,456 private machinery owners harvesting Paddy, Maize, Pulses and Cereals, 45,849 private Tractor owners and 4,322 private Mechanics like name of the owner, address, mobile number etc., have been uploaded blockwise and Districtwise in the Uzhavan App by the Agricultural Engineering Department. Farmers can contact through Uzhavan App over mobile phone and get benefitted.

- 118 Demonstrations on new and innovative agricultural machinery and Agricultural Engineering Technologies were conducted for the farmers.

- A total of Rs. 15.956 crore has been disbursed as a 20% additional subsidy to 2,373 small and marginal farmers, such that Rs. 14.45 crore for 2,125 from Scheduled Castes and Rs. 1.506 crore for 248 from Scheduled Tribes communities.

Seed Certification and Organic Certification

- An area of 2.15 lakh Hectares have been registered in various crops for Certified seed production and 4.36 lakh M.T of seeds have been certified under Certification programme.

- A total number of 2.67 lakh inspections were conducted in seed selling points and 1.95 lakh seeds samples were drawn for quality check. During the inspections, stop sale order was issued for 7,568 Metric tonnes for substandard and other violations noticed.

- In 34 Notified Seed Testing Laboratories functioning in the state, seed standards were tested for 3.72 lakh seed samples and results declared so as to ensure supply of quality seeds to the farmers.

- The training wing of this Department impart training to seed producers, dealers and farmers on latest trends in seed production,

seed certification and seed legislations. A total number of 1,45,201 persons were trained by this Department.

- 1,243 individual farmers and 69 groups having 3,330 farmers accounting to an area of 24,776 acres under organic certification.
- Under NADP Programme 2021-2022, an amount of Rs.40 lakh has been sanctioned for Strengthening of IT infrastructure for field level functionaries and implementation of e-Governance.
- New Seed Testing laboratory has been started at Tiruppur.
- Directorate of Seed Certification and Organic Certification headquarters has been shifted to Chennai.
- Under NADP Programme 2022-2023, an amount of Rs.13.40 crore has been sanctioned for construction of Integrated Seed Certification office complex in 5 Districts viz., Tiruppur, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Nagapattinam and Erode and the scheme is under progress.
- Under the Participatory Guarantee System, 1,069 farmer groups comprising of 12,547 farmers have been registered accounting to an area of 99,061 acres and is being implemented in the current year.
- 265 samples were collected from 265 farmers with 100 percent subsidy from the state government to ensure the quality of organic products and the pesticide residue analysis project was completed at a cost of Rs.12.50 lakh.
- To ensure the quality of organic products, the Pesticide Residual Analysis scheme with 50 percent subsidy was sanctioned by the State Government. 374 samples are collected from 374 farmers and Rs.19.24 lakh was utilized out of the total allocation of Rs.20 lakh and analysis is under progress.
- The name of the Department of Seed Certification has been changed to the Department of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, and a government order has been obtained for this.

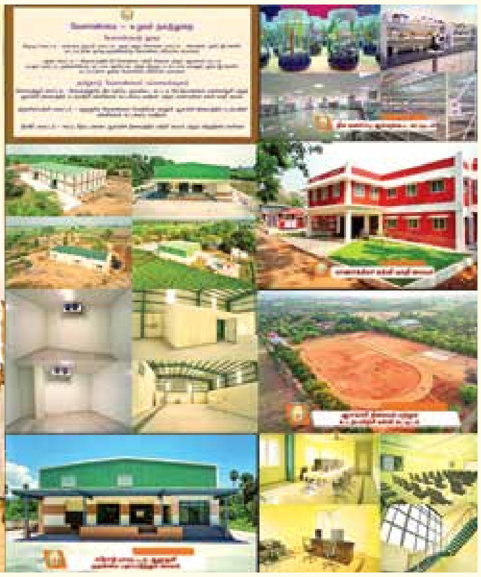
TAWDEVA

- New generation Watershed Development Project viz, Watershed Development Component – Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0, sanctioned by Government of India on 60:40 sharing pattern between the Union and the State Governments is under implementation in Tamil Nadu for 3 years from 2021-2022 covering 1.30 lakh Ha in 275 watersheds at a total outlay of Rs.283.76 crore. The project is covering 7 Districts viz, Perambalur, Dindigul, Dharmapuri, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Krishnagiri and Virudhunagar. So far from the year 2021-2022 to December 2023, an amount of Rs.222.68 crore was released and the implementation is under progress.
- Under the components of Entry Point Activities, Natural Resource Management, Production System, Livelihood Support System and Institution Capacity Building 50,090 works were undertaken.
- During 2023-2024, Springshed Development Project was sanctioned at an outlay of Rs.14 crore (60:40 sharing basis) to undertake Springshed Development Activities in Sittiling and Pikkili hills of Dharmapuri District.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)

Education

- Inaugural Ceremony of the 50th Foundation Day and Golden Jubilee Year



- TNAU has successfully provided education in agricultural and allied sectors to 4,717 Undergraduate students, 2,027 Postgraduate students, 744 Doctoral scholars and 668 Agriculture and Horticulture Diploma students.
- 164 Under Graduate and Post Graduate students were sent to International Laboratories and Institutions for perusing their Higher Studies. 40 faculty members visited 10 developed countries for their capacity building under various disciplines.
- 1,437 Post graduate and Doctoral Students admitted to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University were provided with scholarship for undertaking research in Agriculture and Allied Sectors.
- Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme has provided financial benefit to more than 1300 girls students and 1,031 students were admitted and got benefitted under 7.5 percent student reservation.
- Three New Government Agricultural Colleges and One Horticultural College were established during 2021 in the Districts of Karur, Nagapattinam, Sivaganga and Krishnagiri respectively with the budget outlay of Rs.40 crore.
- Under Graduate Agricultural and Horticultural Degree Programs in Tamil Medium were started in 2021. 193 students are undergoing the degree programme.
- In the year 2021, a two year Diploma course in Agricultural Engineering has been started at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumulur, Trichirappalli District with the budget outlay of Rs.One crore towards human resource development in farm mechanization.

Research

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has released 51 New Crop Varieties, 21 Management Technologies and 11 Farm Implements.
- A new Turmeric Research Center was established with the budget outlay of Rs.2 crore at Agricultural Research Centre, Bhavanisagar, Erode District.
- To augment organic farming research activities, Nammazhvar Organic Farming Research Center was established at a budget estimate of Rs.3 crore.

- A new Palmyrah Research Station at VOC Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam of Thoothukudi District was established at a cost of Rs.15 crore for augmenting research and development of dwarf varieties as well as value added products.
- A new Banana Research Station at VOC Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam was established at a cost of Rs.15 crore.
- Establishment of Dryland Agriculture Research Station, Chettinad with the budget outlay of Rs.50 lakh in order to bestow focused research on Dryland Crops.
- The digitalization of information on crops, soil and water through remote sensing was carried out at a cost of Rs.72 lakh.
- The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University increased the fruit production and reduced the damage by using nanotechnologies at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Digital Farming was promoted by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for improvement of productivity at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Crop diversification and improved agronomic practices in the salt affected Districts of Tamil Nadu under Protected Agricultural Development Zone was popularized by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at a cost of Rs.5 lakh.
- Crop rotation models in Cauvery Delta Zone for increased productivity and efficient water utilization was carried out by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at a cost of Rs.5 lakh.

Extension

- For the benefit of farmers, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has established University Training Centres in 24 Districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- The revamping of agriportal and social media activities were carried out at a cost of Rs.40 lakh by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has established One Stop Shop at KVKs, at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- Popularization and demonstration of nano products were carried out by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University through KVKs and ATMA by utilizing the service of UAVC (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Corporation).
- Realising the significance of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and their role in empowering the small and marginal farmers, a novel institutional arrangement of TNAU-FPO Linkage (TFL): One Unit-One FPO programme was initiated and more than 120 FPOs were linked to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- To strengthen the extension services in the state, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has identified 389 Agricultural Scientists at Block level.

Agri Business Development

- The Entrepreneurship in Agri-Business was promoted by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at an estimate of Rs.130 crore.
- The Academic curricula suitably incorporated with 49 Entrepreneurial Skill Development courses facilitated towards the development of 54 Student Entrepreneurs in Agriculture and allied sectors.

Open and Distance Learning

- Through 63 diploma / certificate courses offered by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, 1,134 stakeholders from allied

sectors have also graduated in Agriculture through the Open and Distance Learning program offered by TNAU.

Resources and Infrastructure

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has Improved and Strengthened the research and development activities, of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at a cost of Rs.100 crore of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Corpus Fund by the Government of Tamil Nadu during 2023.
- The livelihoods of marginal farmers, innovative research and value addition program on Palmyrah was initiated in Killikulam at the budget outlay of Rs.50 lakh.
- To popularize the new varieties released by the TNAU among the farmers, special drive was taken by the TNAU at an outlay of Rs.5.57 crore.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has enhanced the quality seed production of newly released varieties at a cost of Rupees One crore.
- The improvement activities viz., Identification and Digitization of agriculturally important insects in the Insect Museum established at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was carried out by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- The Conservation, Strengthening and Establishment of special types of botanical gardens in the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Botanical garden was carried out at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

Ranking

- TNAU has achieved remarkable recognition in the field of agriculture. It has been ranked as the 2nd best State Agricultural University and the 5th best institution in the entire country according to the prestigious National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023.
- India Today - MDRA Survey 2023 disclosed that Tamil Nadu Agricultural University tops in the list of Agricultural Universities, owing to its excellence in academics, research, infrastructure, leadership development, career progression and placement.
- TNAU is the only agricultural university from India listed in the renowned Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Ranking System 2023 and placed in the overall ranking band of 301-350 among Asian universities as well as 73rd rank among Southern Asian universities.
- In the World University Ranking 2023, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been positioned in the band of 601 among the Asian Universities and in 1501 band among the World Universities.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been ranked in the band of 51-100 among the World University Rankings for Innovation in Industrial Application for the year 2023.

Awards

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi conferred 'Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award' to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to attest its outstanding performance in teaching, research and extension activities in 2021.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was awarded with Green and Clean Campus Award by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi during 2021.
- In the year 2021, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was awarded with PG Fellowship award for Horticulture as well as Forestry by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was awarded with PG fellowship in Agricultural Engineering by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi during 2021.
- In 2021, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was conferred with Institution of Excellence Award by All India Agricultural Students Association towards educating more than 6,000 students every year in agriculture and allied disciplines, and for developing 850 varieties and 1,500 technologies that facilitated augmented food grain production in the state.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi conferred the award 'University of the Year (more than 30 years) 2021' to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University received 'Best Performing University Award' for the year 2022 for successful implementation of Government of India - Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) programme.
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore bagged TERI-IWA-UNDP Water Sustainability Award for the year 2022 under 'Excellence in Water Use Efficiency in Agricultural Sector'.
- As a forerunner among the Indian Agricultural Universities, in 2022, the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University entered into the Elite Book of World Records for successfully attempting 6.03 lakh trees planted by a Team in 4 Hours at Single Location in association with Dindigul District Administration.
- TNAU has been recognized and awarded the prestigious SKOCH Order of Merit Award for its successful implementation of groundbreaking research projects viz., Integrated Pest Management Module for Maize Fall armyworm, Soil Fertility Mapping on Sulphur and Micronutrients in Tamil Nadu during 2023.
- To recognize the accomplishment in promoting entrepreneurship-based education in 2023, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has been awarded with 'Best South Indian Institute' by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Chamber of Commerce.
- The Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyandal Tiruvannamalai District, was awarded the 'Best AICRP Centre for Small Millets' for the year 2023 by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
- KVK, Virudhunagar of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University received conferred with an award for publishing more articles in the journals, keeping more farmers in its database and distributing seeds through seed hub by ICAR - ATARI (Zone - X) during 2023.
- The All India Coordinated Programme on Micro and Secondary Nutrients and Pollutant Elements in Soils and Plants implemented at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was awarded 'Best ICAR – AICRP Micronutrients Centre' by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi during 2023.
- Tapioca and castor Research Station, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Yethapur was conferred with 'AICRP – Best Center' award for the year 2023 by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

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Revenue, District Revenue Establishment, Deputy Collectors, Disaster Management

Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management
Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran

Revenue Administration

Social Security Schemes

- ❖ The Pension has been sanctioned to 7,76,172 new eligible beneficiaries under the Social Security Pension Scheme are as follows:
- ❖ As per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Government has increased the pension amount from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 to the differently-abled persons including blind persons.
- ❖ Further, the monthly pension for the beneficiaries under other pension Schemes (excluding disability pension schemes) has been increased to Rs.1,200/-.
- ❖ Orders have been issued to increase the number of beneficiaries under the Social Security Pension Schemes to benefit an additional 1,74,073 persons additionally.
- ❖ Formation / Re – Organization of Districts / Revenue Divisions / Revenue Taluks / Firkas / Revenue Villages

New Taluk

- ❖ In the financial year 2022 – 2023, Tiruvarur District, Thiruthuraipoondi Taluk was bifaurcated and New Muthupettai Revenue Taluk was created.

- In the financial year 2023 – 2024 Sankarapuram and Thirukovilur Revenue Taluks have been re-organized and a new Vanapuram Revenue Taluks has been created at a cost of Rs.7.56 crore with headquarters at Vanapuram. As a result, revenue related services and Government welfare schemes are easily accessible to the local public.
- In the financial year 2023 – 2024 Tanjavur District, Orathanadu and Pattukottai Revenue Taluk have been re - organized and a new Thiruvonam Revenue Taluks has been created with headquarters at Thiruvonam.
- In the financial year 2023 – 2024 Viluppuram District, Tiruvenneynallur Revenue Taluk, Chittalingamadam Firka, Chittalingamadam (West) Revenue Village have been re - organized and a new T. Edapalayam Revenue Village has been created.

Sanction of New Vehicle to Government Officers

- A sum of Rs. 10 crore for Purchasing 114 vehicles replacing Condemned Vehicle used by Sub- Collectors/ RDOs and Tahsildars.

Revenue Buildings

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10.32 crore towards the purchase of land to an extent of 8.57 Hectare in Mannampanthal Village, Myladuthurai District from Tharumapuram Atheenam for the Construction of Master Plan Complex.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs. 114.48 crore towards the Construction of Master Plan Complex for accommodating various Government Offices in Mayiladuthurai District and the construction work is in progress.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.7,057 lakh towards the Construction of New Collector office building in Master Plan Complex at Virudhunagar in Virudhunagar District.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.739 lakh towards the Construction of two Revenue Divisional office and Quarters buildings at Sirkali division in Mayiladuthurai District and Vedharanyam Division in Nagapattinam District.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.36.62 crore towards the Construction of Additional Building (Ground +5 Floors) in Dharmapuri District Collectorate campus at Dharmapuri District.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.12.18 crore towards the Construction of GDP Hall and additional office complex in District Collectorate campus at Tiruvannamalai in Tiruvannamalai District.
- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.48.94 lakh towards the Construction of Helipad in Master Plan Complex Virudhunagar District.
- A sum of Rs.2,179 lakh for the construction of five Taluk offices out of which Thanjavur District, Orathanadu Taluk office has been opened and is being used by the people. The Construction work for the remaining buildings is in progress and a sum of Rs.323.51 lakh have been allocated for the construction of 8 Tahsildar Quarters out of which seven Tahsildar Quarters have been completed and are in use. Thalaivasal in Salem District Tahsildar Quarters is in under construction.

- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.48.70 crore towards the construction of 10 Taluk office Building and the construction work is in progress.

- The Government has accorded Administrative and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.15.25 crore towards the construction of 50 Revenue Inspector Office-cum-Quarters at Palayam, Alanganallur, Thirumanagalam Ayyalur, Kallimandayam Aravakurichi Perungattur, Velankanni, Kodangipatti, Kottur, Thimiri, Semmandapatty, Puthur, Mallankinar, Mandabasalai, Rajapalayam, Nemili, V.Periyapatti, Kattuputhur, Sunguvarchathiram, Shoolagiri, Kallavi, Thuckalay, Thuvarankurichi, Devanancheri, Thuthipet, Sengurichi, Salvarpatti, Malaiyur, Vallanadu, Kallakottai, Thiruvenkadu, Thiruvalam, Thirumanur, Maravamangalam, Singampunari, Maduravoyal, Maniyachi, Pallakurichi, Mukkudal, Thalaiyuthu, Varapatti, Karadivavi, Gudalur,Velagapuram, Sayalgudi, Tiruvadanai, Tirupullani, Vedaranyam and Tiruporur.

District Transfer of Village Administrative Officers

- The announcement by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that a new online portal http://cra.tn.gov.in/vaotransfer/ will be developed for Inter-District One-way / Mutual transfers for Village Administrative Officers, the software for District transfers was developed and launched by the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on 13.10.2021. Accordingly, 419 Village Administrative Officers have been ordered for one-way District transfer and 172 Village Administrative Officers have been ordered for Mutual transfer through online.

Provision of various services to the public through Online

- Various services are provided to the public online such as Agriculture Income Certificate, Small / Marginal Farmers' Certificate, Inter-caste Marriage Certificate, Widow Certificate, Unemployment Certificate, Family Migration Certificate, No Male Child Certificate, Unmarried Certificate, Legal Heir Certificate, Residence Certificate, Solvency Certificate License under Pawn Broker Act, Money Lender License,

Other Backward Community Certificate. Temporary Crackers Licence Destitute Widows Certificate, Economically Weaker Sections (Income & Assets), Issuance of Jain Religious Minority Certificate, Issuance of Public Building Licence, Community certificate, Income Certificate, Nativity Certificate, First Graduate Certificate, Deserted Women Certificate and Certificate for Loss of Educational Records due to Disasters.

❖ From 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 3,26,56,356 certificates have been issued to the public through e-sevai/common service centers in the Districts.

Land Administration

Land Lease

❖ Out of 951 lease cases, 380 cases of lease have been categorized as Corporation (Public) in respect of Chennai District. In which, 261 not renewed lease cases are treated as encroachment and it was cancelled. In the remaining 571 lease cases, an amount of Rs.52.45 crore towards Current lease rent and an amount of Rs.44.67 crore towards arrear lease rent they in total of Rs.97.13 crore was collected during the period from 2021 - 2024.

❖ In order to simplify and streamline the procedure for grant of lease of Government lands, the Government have constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary to Government in Revenue Department. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, a new land lease Policy has been drafted and in the consideration of the Government.

Assignment of House Sites

❖ The policy of the Government is to provide decent housing facility, by granting free house-sites or houses to all the houseless poor. Accordingly, Free house-site assignment is given to eligible house-less poor persons from the available Government land classified as "Natham Vacant", under the provisions of RSO 21.

❖ To ensure the women welfare, the free House sites are assigned in favour of the woman member of the family only. As per the existing rules, three cents in rural areas, one and half cents in Municipal areas and one cent in Corporation areas are assigned to each eligible family subject to other conditions. From 07.05.2021 onwards, 7,97,804 Pattas/ e-Pattas under Regular Scheme, Regularization of Encroachment Scheme, e-Pattas for ADW/ BCW Scheme and Town Settlement Scheme have been issued.

❖ Particular attention is given to assign House Site Pattas to members of marginalized community such as Irulars, Narikuravars etc., and these are being directly monitored by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. In order to have a detailed data base on residential encroachments in Government poramboke lands and to monitor the progress made in the implementation of special scheme, the Government Land Registration module has been upgraded through National Informatics Centre and it is linked to Tamil Nilam and e- Adangal to ascertain the status of Government lands and encroachments.

❖ Further, in respect of Chennai District, there are 28,848 Pattas/Mutations issued in the month of July 2024 as per G.O.Ms. No. 12 Special Initiatives Department dated 01.03.2024

Eviction of Encroachment

❖ The Principal function of Revenue and Disaster Management Department is to

protect and maintain Government Poramboke lands from the encroachments.

❖ Eviction processes were carried out and the total extent of land evicted in Watercourse Porambokes were 10069.012 hectares and other Poramboke Government lands were 4908.7171 hectares thus, in Total 15049.7491 hectares have been evicted.

Land Transfer

❖ As per the provisions made in the Government lands are transferred in favour of Union Government Departments, on collection of land cost and as per the provisions made in R.S.O.23-A, Government lands are transferred to State Government Departments on free of cost.

❖ In respect of State Government Departments, such as Health, Education, Home Affairs etc., the District Collectors are empowered to transfer minimum extent of unobjectionable poramboke lands, without ceiling on land cost, for essential purpose. The Government lands required by TNCSC to Set up Direct Purchase Centre and godown was originally alienated on collection of land cost, but presently it has been ordered to transfer the Government lands required for the said purpose to Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department on free of cost.

❖ During the Financial year 2021-2024, Government orders have been issued in 178 cases transferring 1,254 acres of Government lands.

Land Alienation

❖ The Government lands can be alienated under the provisions of RSO 24. However, in cases of alienation of land, the intending body shall be the undertaking of Central and State Government / Boards / Corporation and Local Bodies for public purpose and also for implementation of their projects and schemes. Private organization and Companies can also apply for alienation of Government land if their activities are genuine, subject to availability of lands. The land cost shall be collected from the requisitioning bodies, at the rate of single market value for non-commercial purpose and double the market value for commercial purpose along with the conditions laid down in RSO 24(6).

❖ For the implementation of Drinking Water Scheme, Underground Drainage Schemes and Solid Waste Management Scheme, etc., the Government lands are being alienated to Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply

and Sewerage Board and Local Bodies, on free of land cost Similarly, the Government lands are alienated free of cost in favour of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board for construction of tenements to houseless poor people.

❖ The Government lands alienated in favour of TNHB, authorizing the District Collectors to change the classification of lands uniformly to "RyotwariManai" and issue patta in the name of TNHB. Similarly, in respect of Government lands already alienated to TNUHDB, the District Collectors are authorized to change the classification of lands uniformly to "RyotwariManai" and issue patta in the name of TNUHDB for eventual issue of Dharkast deeds to the beneficiaries.

❖ The Government have constituted an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government to sort out the land issues related to TANSIDCO / TIDCO / SIPCOT.

❖ The Government have instructed the District Collectors to change the classification of the lands uniformly to 'RyotwariPunjai' in respect of all alienation / assignment done by the appropriate authority as per the rules in force at that time, with the appropriate land revenue assessed by the District Collectors.

❖ During the year 2021 - 2024, Government orders have been issued in 247 cases alienating 3099 acres of Government lands.

Land Reforms Department

Bhoodan Board

❖ The Bhoodan Yagna Movement was initiated by Sri Acharya Vinoba Bhave and an extent of 28,050 acres of lands has been received as donation to this Movement in the State and as per the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958 these lands are being regularized and distributed to the landless poor.

❖ These lands are being administered by the Bhoodan Board. In order to curb the illegal sale of Bhoodan lands in Tamil Nadu, the value of these lands is being notified as "0" (zero).

❖ As per provisions in 19(1) and 19(3) of the Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958, Bhoodan lands are distributed to the landless poor for agriculture and housesites or for Government purposes, on getting proposals from District Administration and based on resolution passed by the Bhoodan Board.

❖ In the Period from 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, based on the approval of the Bhoodan Board an extent of 61.42 acres of Bhoodan Lands has been distributed to 990 beneficiaries for agriculture and housesites. Further, an extent of 206.56 acres of Bhoodan Lands has been distributed to Government Departments for public purposes.

❖ Action is being taken by the Government to evict the encroachments in Bhoodan lands made by the ineligible persons Thereby, Period from 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024 encroachments in an extent of 693.21 acres of Bhoodan lands have been evicted.

Revenue Courts

❖ The disputes between cultivating tenants and landowners (including temple lands) are being settled by 10 Revenue Courts in the State.

❖ As on 30.04.2021 there were 2,965 cases pending in the Revenue courts and 8,657 cases were received from 01.05.2021 to 30.06.2024 totaling 11,622 cases. Out of this 8,242 cases were disposed of during the period from 01.05.2021 to 30.06.2024 and 3,380 cases are pending as on 30.06.2024, in the above 10 Revenue Courts in the Districts

Disposal of Surplus lands

- Unit LRII (2) Rev dated 30.11.2021, Sy.No.271/1, 271/2 and 272/2 of Sikkinapuram Colony, Sellampalayam Village, Dharapuram Taluk, Tiruppur District, to an extent of 6.28 Acres of Surplus lands were reserved under Rule 13 of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules 1965 and house sites have been allotted to 133 persons who are residing from 30 years of free of cost.
- As per G.O.(MS) No.455 Revenue and Disaster Management Department Land Reforms Unit LR (II) (2) Rev dated 17.09.2022, Sy.No.2120/3K- out of 22.20.5 hectares of land in Naarayanathevanpatti Malai Village, Uthhamapaalayam Taluk, Theni District, to an extent of 0.02.04 Hectares of Surplus Lands, were reserved under Rule 13 of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules 1965, for the utilization of Sub - Health Centre.
- As per G.O.(MS) No.283 Revenue and Disaster Management Department Land Reforms Unit Rev LRII(2) dated 14.06.2023, Sy.No.53/2 to an extent of 143.79.0 Hectares of land E-Velayuthapuram Village, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, to an extent of 143.79.0 Hectares of Surplus Lands were reserved for utilization of Industrial purposes (Disposal of Surplus Land) Rules 1965.

Survey and Settlement

Survey Wing

I. Service Delivery

A. Online Patta transfers

- Land Records of rural and urban areas have been computerized and Online Patta Transfer System using web-based software application called 'Tamil Nilam' is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 2014-2015. Under this system 58.78 lakh Patta transfers involving sub-divisions (both in rural and urban areas) have been done during the

period 07.05.2021 to 31.05.2024. In the year 2023, 22,87,299 Online patta transfer applications have been disposed compared to 18,94,434 applications disposed of in the year 2022, which is 21% higher.

II. e-Governance initiatives

(i) Online facilities - Launched

- Online facility to enable citizens to apply for patta transfer at any time from anywhere through internet was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.09.2022.
- Automatic mutation is an innovative initiative for automatically transferring land ownerships without human intervention at the Revenue Department's end upon registration of lands which do not involve creation of sub-divisions in transacted lands. This facility has immensely helped in eliminating corrupt practices. During the period 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 6,24,940 titles have been automatically transferred.
- Town Survey Land Records (TSLR) sketches of 186 Towns have been brought online.
- Facility for downloading village maps through e-services has been provided to the public at the portal https://tnlandsurvey.tn.gov.in/.
- Provision in web-based Tamil Nilam software for creation of bulk subdivisions in approved layouts in the name of Layout owners was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.01.2023. Since each and every sub-division (plot) within the approved layouts will be recorded in the name of the layout owner in the Revenue Records, upon sale of these plots later, ownership of the plots will be automatically transferred in the name of the buyer. Hence, this facility will help in reducing the receipt of patta transfer applications in future. Further, while doing bulk subdivisions in approved layouts, lands allotted for common purpose like Roads, Park, Open Space Reserve (OSR) site, Playground, Communal usage, Temple and Burial Grounds etc., will be recorded immediately in the name of the Government or the local bodies, as the case may be, which will avoid encroachments.
- Facility to apply online for identification of boundaries of land parcels (F-Line measurement) has been launched by Honb'le Chief Minister on 20.11.2023.

Work in progress

- Scanning and preservation of old legacy land records for future reference is under progress at the State Archives and at the Commissionerate of Survey and Settlement. During the period 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 9,10,725 sheets have been scanned and preserved.

Modern Survey / Resurvey

- Resurvey using Modern Survey equipment viz., Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and Electronic Total Station (ETS), is in progres in Krishnagiri, the Nilgiris and Kanniyakumari Districts. Out of the total area of 8,185 sq. km, so far 1032.82 sq.km. of land has been surveyed. During the period 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 807.31 sq.km. of land has been surveyed.
- Digital Survey of water bodies in the State using DGPS is in progress in all Districts. From 07.05.2021 to 07.05.2024, 13,014 water bodies have been surveyed and the maps of 9,093 water bodies have been published online on the portal https://tngis.tn.gov.in/waterbodies/ for being downloaded by Government Departments and by the public.

- Town Survey using DGPS and ETS is under progress in Vellore Town.Out of the total area of 87.91 sq. km, so far 74.64 sq.km. has been surveyed. During the period from 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 27.55 sq.km. of land has been surveyed.

Training and Capacity Building

- From 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, survey training has been provided to 3,265 officials of various Department at the Survey Training Institute (STI), Orathanadu, Thanjavur.
- Based on the Announcement made in the Legislative Assembly during the year 2022-2023, Training in GIS has been provided to 63 officials of this Department at the National Institute for Geo-informatics Science and Technology, Hyderabad and at the Anna University, Chennai, in order to equip the staff of the Department of Survey and Settlement in using modern techniques in Surveying and Mapping.
- Survey training has been imparted to Diploma holders and Degree holders in Civil Engineering for 3 months and 'License for Land Surveying' has been issued to 958 persons during the period 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024 at the Survey Training Institute (STI), Orathanadu, Thanjavur and at the Centre for Survey Training and Research (C-STAR), Anna University, Chennai. 347 of those 958 Licensed Surveyors have been engaged in Online Patta transfer work on contract basis and 189 of them have been allotted to various other Government Departments for being engaged in various survey works.

Special initiatives for error-corrections in land records

- Special camps were conducted in all villages every Tuesday and Friday to redress landowners' grievances related to rectification errors in land records. In the special camps, 46,387 applications were received from landowners and grievances were redressed.
- So far as urban areas are concerned, Special Drives were conducted to compare physical land records with computerized land records to identify and remove errors. Accordingly, all 33.20 lakh TS numbers have been compared and 7 lakh errors have been rectified.

Achievements related to Administration:

- In the year 2023, 789 Field Surveyors and 279 Draftsman have been recruited in this Department through TNPSC. Also, 24 Junior Assistant posts have been filled on compassionate grounds in the year 2023.

Settlement Wing

Revenue Follow-up Work in Municipalities and Corporations

- The Government have Ordered for the Commencement of Revenue follow up work in all the Municipalities and Corporations (except Chennai Corporation) in the State as per G.O. (1D) No.103, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated 01.03.2007 to update the registries in Revenue records, to issue pattas to the land holders and to prepare and hand over the land records to District Administration for maintenance. Each stage of the work is computerized and pattas are issued online, so that Citizens can easily be benefited from it. Accordingly, 2,48,757 pattas were issued in last three years.

Original settlement work

- 1,500 familes in Naraikinaru Hill Viilage in Namakkal District. In the year 2023-2024, 704 pattas were issued.
- 3,000 families who were displaced during Land acquisition for Neyveli Lignite Corporation in Vijayamanagaram and Pudhukooraipettai villages in Virudhachalam

Taluk, Cuddalore District. In the year 2023-2024 nearly 1,423 pattas were issued to 3,543 beneficiaries.

- Settlement work which is pending under the Tamil Nadu Minor inam (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act 1963 in Karanapatti village, Ponnamaravathi Taluk in Pudukottai District has been expedited. In the year 2023-2024, 231 pattas were issued.
- The Settlement work has been carried out to benefit the families who are residing for long time in the lands classified as Government Poramboke in Thirubuvanam Village, Thiruvidaimarudur Taluk in Tanjavur District. In the year 2023-2024, 170 pattas were issued.
- The Government Poramboke lands in Punnakayal Village of Thiruchenthur Taluk in Tuticorin District where families have been residing for a long time, have been classified as Natham and Settlement work has been carried out and pattas have been issued. In the year 2022-2023, 840 pattas have been issued.

Ceiling and Urban Land Tax

- In fasli 1431 Urban Land Tax amount Rs.16.26 crore, in fasli 1432 Urban Land Tax amount Rs. 9.65 crore and in fasli 1433 Rs. 9.39 crore Totally, 35.30 crore collected and remitted into the Government Account.
- Under 'Innocent Purchasers Scheme' concurrence for regularisation issued by Government for 1761 cases; Concurrence for regularisation issued for an extent of 4,99,517 sq.m. of lands.
- Land value amount of Rs.17,91,23,538/- remitted into Government Account by Innocent Buyers.

Chief Minister's Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam

- Under Chief Minister's Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam, assistance have been provided to 4,77,574 eligible beneficiaries under various schemes as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	No. of beneficiaries	Assistance given (In crore)
1	Education	1,14,06	27.98
2	Marriage Of Members	8,585	7.32
3	Marriage Of Dependents	43,188	37.74
4	Natural Death And Funeral	1,31,665	288.33
5	Accidental Relief And Funeral	3,130	31.67
6	Temporary Incapacitation Pension	1,75,063	155.11
7	Grant to Orphan children of the member who died due to HIV	1,927	1.87
	Total	4,77,574	550.02

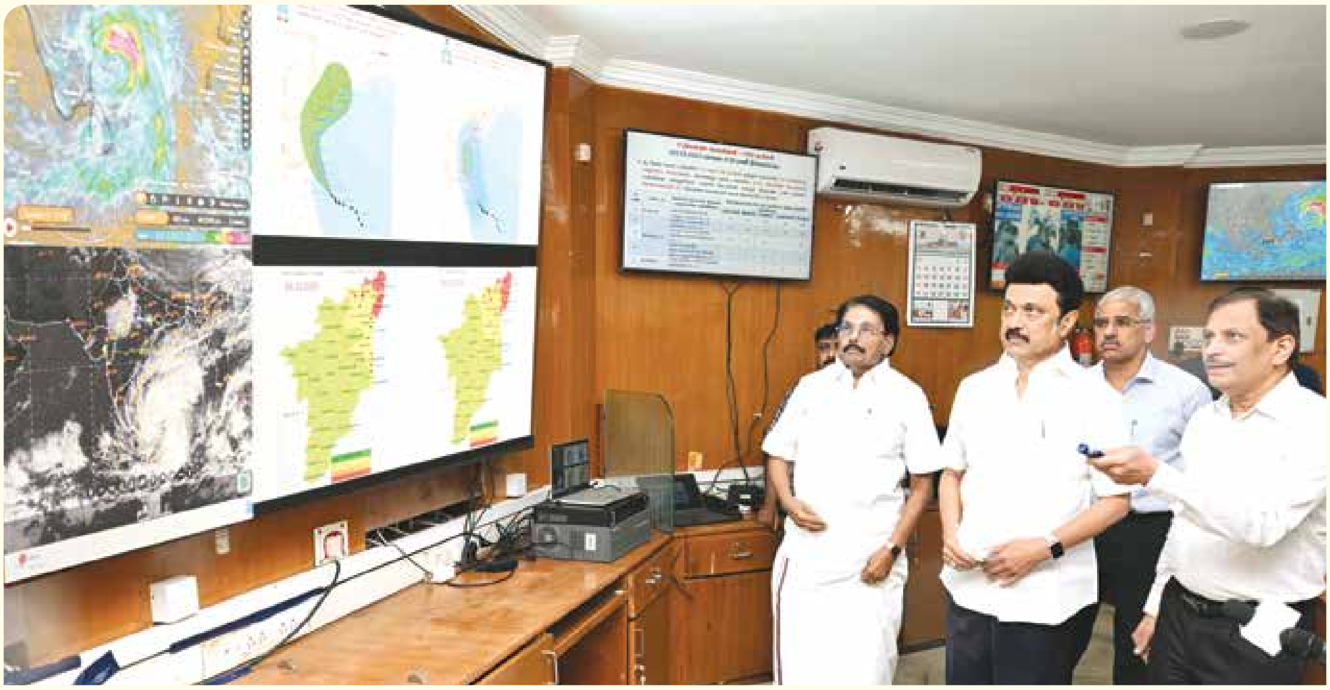
- The Government have increased the monthly pension amount from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,200 to the CMUPT-OAP beneficiaries from August-2023.

Disaster Management

- During disasters, alert SMS have been sent to 6.81 crore mobile subscribers through the Common Alert Protocol (CAP) regarding Cyclone, Floods and Monsoonal Rainfall and other hazards. When the Cyclone Mandous made its landfall, an alert message was issued to BSNL subscribers through TATA Sky DTH using Cell Broadcast system through CAP (Common Alert Protocol) with the help of National Disaster Management Authority to the four affected areas.
- 9,353 complaints received through Toll Free Number 1070 of State Emergency Operation Center were resolved.
- 11,680 complaints received through 1077 Toll Free Number at DEOC have been resolved.
- In order to develop community level first responders, 65,000 first rescuers have been trained by identifying 2 first responders in each habitation in 14 coastal Districts and Nilgiris District. First aid kit and equipments have also been provided to the first responders

to handle the disaster situation. A total sum of Rs.20.42 crore has been allocated for this project.

- ❖ Out of the 66 offices of Revenue Department in 14 coastal Districts, 28 offices have already been provided with generators. Hence, 38 nos. of 2 KVA generators have been procured for the remaining Revenue Department offices at a cost of Rs.41 lakh so as to ensure that works are not hindered during disasters.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.32.48 crore has been allocated for setting up of 1400 Automatic Rain Gauges and 100 Automatic Weather Stations to collect firka wise rainfall data and the installation of ARG & AWS is under progress.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.16.1647 crore has been sanctioned by Government for providing relief assistance of Rs.1,000/- to 1,61,647 families in Sirkazhi and Tharangambadi Taluk of Mayiladuthurai District from 24.11.2022 to 14.12.2022 whose livelihood was severely hampered.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.86,19,700/- has been sanctioned as relief assistance to 2040 farmers towards the damaged horticultural crops in an extent of 628.28 hectares during South West Monsoon 2022. Moreover, relief amount of Rs.6.42 crore has been sanctioned towards damaged agricultural crops in an extent of 4803.24 hectares benefiting 6,426 farmers. Further, a sum of Rs.1,63,620/- has been sanctioned as relief to 30 farmers towards damaged agricultural crops and Rs.3.75 crore has been sanctioned as relief towards damaged agricultural crops in an extent of 2,783.17 hectares benefiting 3,957 farmers.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.52,88,400/- has been sanctioned as relief towards damaged horticultural crops during North East Monsoon season 2022 in an extent of 399.79 hectares benefiting 1088 farmers. Moreover, Rs.50,88,84,224/- has been sanctioned as relief to 48,593 farmers towards damaged agricultural crops in an area of 37,755.6546 hectares.
- ❖ Based on the instructions issued to the District Collectors to carryout pre-emptive evacuation in the areas which are likely to be affected due to Cyclone Mandous which made its landfall on 09.12.2022, 10,843 persons belonging to 3,771 families were safely accommodated in 216 relief camps and provided with food, safe drinking water, medical facility and other basic amenities. Due to this pre-emptive evacuation process, i.e., accommodating, the general public in the relief camps well in advance minimized the loss of lives to a greater extent.
- ❖ Due to Cyclone Mandous, 6 vallams, 76 mechanized boats were fully damaged, 31 vallams and 136 mechanized boats were partially damaged and 932 nets were damaged in Chengalpattu, Chennai, Ramanathapuram and Mayiladuthurai Districts. A sum of Rs.467.04 lakh has been allocated from the State Disaster Response Fund to provide relief assistance to the fishermen.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.7.34 crore has been sanctioned as relief assistance towards the agricultural crops damaged due to Cyclone Mandous in an extent of 5,491.84 hectares in 22 Districts. Further, Rs.1.75 crore has been sanctioned towards damaged horticulture crops in an extent of 1244.4 hectares.
- ❖ Normalcy was restored within a day after the landfall of Cyclone Mandous. The Print and Social media praised the fact that major damage was averted during Cyclone Mandous due to action taken on a war footing manner based on the instructions issued by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ In order to safely accommodate the people living in Nambiar Nagar, Nagapattinam District, Disaster Response Center is being constructed at a cost of Rs.6.35 crore.
- ❖ Rs.2.31crore has been sanctioned to strengthen the functioning of Tamil Nadu Disaster Response Force.



- A sum of Rs.10.51 crore has been allocated to Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department for procurement of equipment and imparting training.
- A sum of Rs.74,98,960/- has been allocated to the Chennai City Police Commissionerate for procurement of essential equipment for rescue work during Natural Calamities.
- A sum of Rs.60.20 crore has been sanctioned to Fire and Rescue Services Department for procurement of rescue equipment for use during calamities.
- A sum of Rs.1,27,78,000/- has been sanctioned for temporary restoration of damaged infrastructure of Tamil Nadu Generation and Energy Distribution Corporation affected by Cyclone Mandous.
- Based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister a sum of Rs.112.72 crore has been sanctioned as relief assistance to the 1,33,907 farmers whose agricultural crops were damaged in an extent of 93,873 hectares due to unseasonal rainfall in 9 Districts.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has released the State Disaster Management Policy with an aim to reduce the negative impact of disaster so that loss of life, property, damage to critical infrastructure is minimized.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has released the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Plan 2023 which details about natural disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief, restoration, rehabilitation, capacity building. This plan also contains recommendations for disaster risk reduction and response measures.
- Real Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System has been established at a cost of Rs.71.22 crore to provide web based real time flood forecasting for Chennai basin namely Adyar, Koovam, Kosasthalaiyar and Kovalam and guidelines for lake and reservoirs management. This system has been effectively used during North East Monsoon 2021, 2022 and Cyclone Mandous.

- High speed printers at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore have been provided to District Emergency Operation Centre to strengthen the functioning of District Emergency Operation Centers.
- An allocation of Rs.373.50 crore has been allocated from State Disaster Mitigation Fund for various disaster mitigation works.
- A sum of Rs.56.03 crore has been allocated for setting up of weather balloons and 2 radars in order to accurately predict the weather and provide alerts before a disaster.
- Tamil Nadu State Emergency Database Management has been set up to help collect data relating to equipment required for areas affected by disaster.
- A Storm Surge Model has been developed to provide early warning for floods.
- Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management, a sum of Rs.12.37 crore has been allocated for development of TN-Alert Mobile App for issue of location specific alerts to the general public,upgradation of
- TN-SMART web portal, setting up of technical cell to monitor the multi-hazards and provide early warning and advisory to public vide and the works are under progress. Based on the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Department, a sum of Rs.16 crore has been sanctioned for constructionof two Disaster Response Centresat Thirumayiladi and Muthalaimedu village to safely accommodate the people affected in Nathalpadukai, Sandapadukai and Muthalaimedu habitations.
- Government has accorded administrative approval for Rs.5.06 crore towards upgradation of analogue VHF repeaters to digital repeaters in 30 Districts.
- Based on the announcement of Hon'ble Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management, a sum of Rs.14.50 crore has been allocated towards strengthening of left bank of Kollidam River to prevent flooding in 17 villages of Chidambaram Taluk, Cuddalore District.
- An allocation of Rs.7 crore has been made from the State Disaster Mitigation Fund towards flood control works in Vellore District.
- Rs.96.50 crore has been allocated under State Disaster Mitigation Fund towards construction of drains from Irumbuliyur Tank to GST Road in Chengalpattu District.
- A sum of Rs.81.128 crore has been allocated under State Disaster Mitigation Fund towards construction of flood embankment till Lower Paravanar in KurinchipadiTaluk of Cuddalore District and construction of new flood diversion canal from Aruvalmooku to the sea.
- Rs.41 lakh has been allocated under State Disaster Mitigation Fund for construction of check dam across Uppanar near Pichavaram of Cuddalore District.
- A sum of Rs.12 crore has been allocated under State Disaster Mitigation Fund towards construction of Storm Water Drain upto Sankarperi Periyapallam in Ettayapuram Road of Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation.
- Rs.304 crore has been sanctioned under State Disaster Mitigation Fund towards construction of Storm Water Drain in Greater Chennai Corporation and Municipalities.
- The Cyclone Michaung moved to South Andhra Pradesh very close to Chennai and

remained stationary for a long time and as a result Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram Districts experienced unprecedented continuous heavy to extremely heavy rainfall on 03.12.2023 and 04.12.2023 causing flooding and inundation in many areas.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited theareas which were severely battered by thetorrential rains and subsequent flooding on 05.12.2023 and 06.12.2023 in Greater Chennai Corporation limits. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also visited the relief camps and disbursed relief assistance to the affected families and instructed the Senior Ministers and Higher Officials to expedite the relief and restoration works.
- While the relief and restoration works in respect of the damages caused due to Cyclone "Michaung" were being taken up on a warfooting basis, there has been wide spread heavyto extremely heavy rainfall in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts from 16.12.2023 to18.12.2023. The Unprecedented rainfall followed by floods caused loss of human lives, Cattle loss, damages to huts / houses, Agricultural / Horticultural crops and Public infrastructures namely roads, bridges, power, water supply etc.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu mobilized officials across the State to handle the extreme events caused by climate change and deputed them to the affected areas. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu spearheaded the preparedness, measures and also deputed 10 Hon'ble Ministers and 20 senior IAS officers to the affected Districts to carry out preparedness, relief and rescue operations, thus minimizing the loss of lives.
- As on 31.03.2024, Tamil Nadu Government has spent Rs.2,476.89 crore from State Disaster Response Fund for Cyclone Michaung and heavy rains and floods in southern Districts.
- Michaung Cyclone - Rs.1486.9374 crore was sanctioned to provide livelihood assistance of Rs.6000/- to 29,54,269 families affected due to Cyclone Michaung.
- Cyclone Michaung – Of the applications received seeking relief assistance, a sum of Rs.39.51 crore has been sanctioned to 2,68,869 eligible families.
- Rs.1.15 crore has been provided as relief assistance to the families affected by oil spill.
- Rs.48.13 crore has been sanctioned as relief to agricultural and horticultural crops affected due to Cyclone Michaung.
- A sum of Rs.541.37 crore was sanctioned towards providing relief assistance of Rs.6,000/- to 6,63,760 families who were severely affected and Rs.1,000/- to 14,31,164 families who were moderately affected due to heavy rain and floods in Southern Districts.
- Rs.201.67crore was sanctioned for providing relief assistance to agricultural and horticultural crops affected due to heavy rains in southern Districts.
- A sum of Rs.130 crore was sanctioned towards temporary restoration of damaged infrastructure of various sectors due to Cyclone Michaung and heavy rains in Southern Districts.
- Rs.28.10 crore was sanctioned towards relief assistance for fishing boats, nets etc., damaged due to cyclone Michaung and heavy rains in Southern Districts.

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Finance, Planning, Human Resources Management, Pensions and Pensionary benefits, Statistics and Archaeology, Electricity, Non Conventional Energy Development

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management

Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu

Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund

- A sum of Rs.690,57,26,013 crore has been received as donations to Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.259.96 crore has been sanctioned to Government Hospitals during Covid-19 Second Wave, for purchase of Remdesivir, Liquid Oxygen Cylinders, Oxygen Concentrators, other medical instruments, RT-PCR Kits and towards precautionary measures related to Covid-19 third wave.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.25 crore has been sanctioned towards purchase of Amphotericin and all other life saving medicines for treatment of 'Black Fungus'.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.9.20 lakh has been sanctioned to procure and feed for the unattended stray animals on the road, during the Covid-19 lockdown period.
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.19.10 crore has been sanctioned to deposit at the rate of Rs.5 lakh in the name of 382 children who have lost both of their parents due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.412.23 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.3 lakh to the 13,741 children who have lost any one of their parent due to Covid-19.

- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.27 lakh has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.3 lakh to the 9 Srilankan Tamil Refugees children who have lost any one of their parent due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.2.25 crore has been sanctioned to the 24 families of News Reporters and Journalists who died due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.109 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.25 lakh to the 436 families of frontline workers (Health, Police, Rural Development, Municipal Administration, Revenue and Co-operation Department, etc.,) who died due to Corona Virus, while engaged in corona combat duties.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.1.30 crore has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.5 lakh for the 26 families of Government servant who died due to accident while engaged on Covid-19 duty and temporary frontline contract workers who died due to Covid-19.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.18,00,10,000 crore has been sanctioned to the 1,642 families of persons, who died / were injured due to various unexpected incidents such as drowning in water, Fire works & Fire Accidents, Electrocution, Snake and Poisonous insect bite, etc.,
- Financial assistance for a sum of Rs.1,07,75,000/- has been sanctioned to 215 Students (each Rs.50,000 or Rs.25,000) belonging to poor family for persuing professional education.
- Relief assistance for a sum of Rs.122,87,43,532 has been sanctioned as special case based on the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister to the 2,023 individuals / families persons who died / were injured due to various reasons.

Kalanjiyam (IFHRMS 2.0)

- The Government have decided to upgrade the infrastructure and facilities by adopting the latest & robust technologies in vogue and sanctioned administrative sanction and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.177.27 crore and named as Kalanjiyam which will synergies the working of various agencies to improve efficiency of Tamil Nadu Government System.
- An exclusive Training environment capable of accommodating up to 7,500 trainees simultaneously has been developed.

New Health Insurance Scheme 2021

- The New Health Insurance Scheme 2021 is being implemented from 01-07-2021 through United India Insurance Company Limited, Chennai, a Public Sector Undertaking for a period of four years. The dependent children of the Government employees are covered without age limit under the New Health Insurance Scheme for Employees 2021 to avail the eligible cashless medical assistance.
- The coverage of medical assistance under this scheme has been extended to accident cases, where the patient got approved treatment undergone surgery in a non-network hospital.
- The medical assistance has been enhanced to the maximum limit of Rs.10 lakh for some specified diseases / treatments. Further an additional amount of Rs.10 lakh will be reimbursed from the corpus fund.
- COVID-19 treatment has been included under specified illness list to avail cashless medical assistance up to Rs.10 lakh.
- New Health Insurance Scheme 2021 ID cards are issued to the 6,85,178 Government employees to avail the cashless medical assistance through the medical network hospitals under the scheme.

- Under this Scheme, 203 treatments are covered to avail medical assistance i.e. 116 treatment and surgeries and 87 medical care procedures on Cashless basis through 1,366 networked hospitals and 16 Government radiation therapy centers for cancer treatment located in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and New Delhi.
- In the New Health Insurance Scheme, 2,14,646 beneficiaries have availed medical assistance to the tune of Rs.1045.53 crore.
- Apart from these, for the treatment of COVID-19 under the New Health Insurance Scheme for Employees, a corpus fund has been created with a sum of Rs.5 crore. A sum of Rs.85 crore has been sanctioned so far.
- In addition to this, a Corpus Fund has been created with a sum of Rs.11.15 crore to reimburse the eligible medical expenses for Non-critical COVID-19 treatment taken in Non-network hospitals for Employees and their eligible family members.

Pensioners New Health Insurance Scheme 2022

- The New Health Insurance Scheme for Pensioners has been extended beyond 30.06.2022 for a further period of four years with some additional features.
- Under the new scheme, the medical assistance has been enhanced to the maximum limit of Rs.10 lakh for some specified diseases / treatments.
- The coverage of medical assistance under this scheme has been extended to accident cases, where the patient got approved treatment / undergone surgery in a non-network hospital.
- Kidney Dialysis and COVID-19 treatment have been included under specified illness list to avail cashless medical assistance upto Rs.10 lakh.
- New Health Insurance Scheme 2022 ID cards are issued to the 6,12,060 pensioners / family pensioners to avail the cashless medical assistance through the medical network hospitals under the scheme.
- The Government has issued orders for creation of additional 8 Posts for New

Health Insurance Scheme, for Employees / Pensioners and a dedicated Medical Team by creating 6 Posts to monitor the NHIS Scheme for both Employees/ Pensioners for effective implementation of the scheme by the insurance company.

- In the Pensioners New Health Insurance Scheme 2022, 1,71,243 beneficiaries have availed medical assistance for a sum of Rs.760.28 crore.

- Apart from these, for the treatment of COVID-19 under the New Health Insurance Scheme for Employees / Pensioners, a corpus fund has been created with a sum of Rs.2.50 crore. A sum of Rs.87.50 crore has been sanctioned so far.

- In addition to this, a Corpus Fund has been created with a sum of Rs.17.47 crore to reimburse the eligible medical expenses for Non-critical COVID-19 treatment taken in Non-network hospitals for Pensioners/Family Pensioners.

Pension

Mustering of Pensioners throughout the year

- The Government issued order to conduct mustering of pensioner throughout the Year. By this initiative, the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners and Family pensioners have been mustering in the month of their retirement / Commencement of Pension respectively.

- Hence the hardship to the Pensioner have been reduced to a great extent and the process of submission of life certificate have been simplified.

Contributory Pension Scheme of Government Employees (CPS)

- CPS Final Authorizations amounting to Rs.3,200.82 crore have been issued to 37,478 persons.

National Pension System (NPS) for AIS Officers

- A sum of Rs.60.33 crore has been transferred to NSDL towards Employee's Contributions and Government's co-Contributions for 314 AIS Officers.

Directorate of Pension (NIL)

Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Family Security Fund Scheme

- In the case of death of a Pensioner after one month of contribution to the fund, a sum of Rs.50,000 is paid to the eligible family members or the nominee of the pensioners.

- Based on this contribution on an average a sum of Rs.6.50 crore is received every month and 1,300 family members / nominees of the deceased pensioners are paid the financial benefits.

- Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.125 crore as advance from the Government account to the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners Family Security Fund Scheme. Hence, the pending 25,000 claims were sanctioned and amount credited to the beneficiaries bank accounts.

Director General of Audit (NIL)

- As part of the policy initiatives, to strengthen the oversight of all the audit agencies of the State Government and their functions, a new position of the Director General of Audit (DGA) at the level of Secretary to the Government, has been created.

- Further, an Audit Reforms Committee (ARC) was constituted in February 2022, to study and make recommendations to streamline the processes and functioning of all the Audit Departments for improving the overall audit impact.

Capacity Building & Training

- Detailed Training plan for 2023-2024 has been drawn up with proposal to avail the training infrastructure facilities at Anna Administrative Staff College / other institutions and submitted to Government for approval and sanction of necessary funds. The Government has accorded administrative approval and sanction of Rs.65.91 lakh for 37 courses in the first phase in November 2023 and training program for middle level management Officers is under progress from November 2023.

Other Major Initiatives

- Steps have been initiated to develop and implement a single web-based Comprehensive Audit Information Management System (C-AIMS) for automation of all audit functions and processes under the Director General of Audit end-to-end for effective management of the complete audit cycle. This will help to monitor all the audit activities under the Director General of Audit on near real time basis.
- Steps have been taken to introduce a significant change in the audit process, the concept of perspective audit plans and annual audit plans, Risk based audit strategies, Statistical Sampling methods, Data Analytics technique like IDEA, Tableau etc., in all the five Audit Departments. A sum of Rs. 16,13,500/- to procure 12 licenses of Interactive Data Extraction Analysis (IDEA) Software for the use in the Office of the Director General of Audit and 5 Directorates of Audit functioning under the administrative control of Finance Department.

Local Fund Audit Department

Details of Settlement of Audit Objections

- 4,27,654 objections of value of Rs.11,11,166 lakh were settled in the Local Body Institutions and other Miscellaneous Institutions.

Authorisation and disbursement of Pensionary benefits to Local Body Employees

- The certification, sanction and payment of retirement/death benefits to the employees of local bodies viz: Municipalities, Town Panchayats and Panchayat Unions is done by the Director of Local Fund Audit. Rs.2,96,347.33 lakh has been disbursed to 28,793 Pensioners/Family Pensioners

Administration of Municipal Pensioner's Health and Family Security Fund Schemes

- Rs.58.81 lakh was disbursed under the Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme and Rs.273.27 lakh was disbursed under Family Security Fund Scheme.

Administration of Panchayat Union Pensioner's Health and Family Security Fund Schemes

- Rs.748.94 lakh was disbursed under pensioners' Health Fund Scheme and Rs.436.43 lakh was disbursed under Family Security Fund Scheme.

Treasurer of Charitable Endowments

- At present, there are 4 Central Endowments worth Rs.23.25 lakh and 894 State Endowments worth Rs. 40.65 crore under the control of the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments.

Status of Audit Progress

- Audit for the year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 in respect of all Panchayat Unions, District Panchayats, Corporations, Municipalities, Town panchayats, Universities and other institutions have been completed. Audit of all institutions for the year 2023-2024 is in progress.

Audit Fees

- A sum of Rs.5,210.51 lakh was remitted as audit fees by the Municipal corporations and Municipalities.

Special Initiatives

e-Office

- To enable efficient and effective functioning of the department and to speed up the processing of files in a transparent manner e-Office has been implemented.

(ii) Online facilities for Local Body Pensioners.

- As a new step forward, initiative has been taken by this department to enable the Pensioners and Family Pensioners of Local Bodies such as Municipalities, Panchayat Union and Town Panchayats to upload their Life Certificate Digitally through Jeevan Praman Website (Indian Post Payments Bank(IPPB) / e-Sevai Centres and also to apply and download for Family Pension, upload Life Certificate, etc., through e-Sevai Centres.

New Recruitment made

- 23 Junior Assistants, 37 Typists, 43 Assistant Inspectors have been recruited through direct recruitment and 11 Junior Assistants have been recruited through compassionate grounds.

Co-operative Audit Department

- A sum of Rs.6,000 crore for Jewel Loan waiver for the Loaners who pledged upto 40 grams of Gold in Co-operative Banks and societies. During march 2022 a special audit of Jewel Loan waiver was conducted and 1,19,125 number of ineligible beneficiaries (approximately 9% of total beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.519.64 crores) were identified and ensured that the waiver amount reached the real beneficiaries.
- Further, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.2,674.64 crore towards women self help group loan waiver. An audit in this regard was conducted during October 2022 and has identified ineligible beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.468.30 crore and ensured that the waiver amount reached the real beneficiaries.

Hindu Religious Institutions Audit Department

- The Audit Wing which was functioning under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, was migrated and a separate Department namely the Hindu Religious Institutions Audit Department has been created under the administrative control of the Finance Department to ascertain the reliability of the audit on the accounts of the Religious Institutions.
- The post of Director has been created to act as the Head of Department of the newly created gious Institutions Audit Department, in the cadre of Joint Secretary to the ent Finance Department and is functioning with effect from 01.06.2022.
- Audit fees of Rs. 136 crores have been collected in the past three years.

Tamilnadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB) (NIL)

- In the Global Investors Meet held on January 2024, Hon'ble Chief Minister has realeased the reports on Public Private Partnership Policy and TN Vision of 1 Trillion dollor Economy.
- TNIDB has appointed Consultancy firms for Preparation of Project Reports for the projects namely Establishment of a World Class Biodiversity Conservation Park at Kadambur, Chengalpattu District and 6 ECO – TOURISM Sites (Sadivayal, Sethumadai Mannavanur, Thadiyankudisai, Naduvattam, Karumanthurai).

- TNIDB has accorded structure approval and bid document approval for the projects namely Operation and Maintenance of Silo Facility at Erukkur under PPP Mode, Public Convenience Toilet Lounges in locations under Zone 5, 6 and 9 of Chennai City, Operation and Maintenance of New Bus Terminal at Kilambakkam under PPP Mode, Selection of Concessionaire for Restoration of Adyar River under Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) through Public Private Partnership mode and Selection of Port Operator for Cuddalore Port.

Planning and Development Department

Special Area Development Programme, Udhagamandalam

- The Special Area Development Programme, Udhagamandalam covers namely, Eleven Districts The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni,Virudhunagar, Kanniyakumari, Tenkasi and Tirunelveli.
- At a cost Rs.31.55 crore, 314 works have been completed by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests.
- At a cost of Rs.26.18 crore 240 works have been completed by the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.
- 16 works have been completed and at a cost of Rs.8.28 crore by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department.
- 259 works have been completed at Rs.40.13 crore by the Agricultural Engineering Department.
- At a cost of Rs.9.80 crore, 67 works have been completed by the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.
- At a cost of Rs.1.71 crore, 16 works have been completed by the Health and Family Welfare Department.
- At a cost of Rs.9.81 crore, 17 works have been completed by the Industries Department.
- At a cost of Rs.19.58 crore, 63 works have been completed by the Public Works Department.
- At a cost Rs.13.10 crore, 81 works have been completed by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- At a cost of Rs.1.40 crore, 14 works have been completed by the Adi dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.
- At cost of Rs.87.05 lakh 3 works has been completed by the Tourism Department.

Department of Evaluation and Applied Research (DEAR)

- Evaluation and Applied Research Department is to evaluate various developmental schemes of the State and Union Government and submits evaluation reports to the Government. The evaluation reports helps in policy formulation and evidence based decision making for further course of action.
- Evaluation Report on “Design, Development and Implementation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Disaster and Societal Application”.
- Evaluation Report on “Follow up of Children who underwent Cochlear Implant Surgery Under the Chief Minister Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme”.
- Evaluation Study on “Assessment of Quality of Delivery of Public Services by the Commercial Taxes Department”.

Evaluation study on “Special Public Distribution System (PDS) in Tamil Nadu”.

- Evaluation Study on” Impact of water

harvesting structures created in Special Area Development programme areas during the years 2016–2017, 2017–2018 and 2018-2019".

- Evaluation study on Assistance under amalgamated funds and Ex-services Personnel Benevolent funds.
- Evaluation Study on the Process and Impact of Loan Assistance Under Individual Term Loan and Micro Credit Loan Schemes for Self Help Groups Under Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation for the year 2017-2018.
- Evaluation study on Existing Teacher Training Modules – Impact of Training and Effectiveness of the Module on Art of Questioning among Upper Primary Teachers.
- Evaluation Report on "Entrepreneurship Development Training (EDT) – Women Entrepreneurship – Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women".
- Evaluation Report on "Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project-II".
- Evaluation Report on "Impact and Outcome of Career Guidance Programme Conducted by Department of Employment and Training to Inmates of the School and College BC Hostels for the year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020".
- Evaluation Report on "Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Programme".
- Evaluation Report on "Marriage Assistance Schemes in the State".
- Evaluation Report on "Quick and Mid-term Evaluation of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme (Pudhumai Penn Thittam)"
- In addition, this Department is conducting concurrent evaluation of Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme.
- The announcement of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resource Management (2023-2024) on "Preparation of evaluation reports for providing valuable evidence on cost effectiveness of large public spending of all State Sponsored Schemes with a budget outlay of over Rs.150 crore".
- This Department has posted Seven Research Assistants, one Junior Assistant and two Typists recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

Outsourcing of Evaluation Studies:

- Nineteen outsource agencies have been empanelled to conduct evaluation studies.

Department of economics and statistics (DOES)

Agriculture

Crop Estimation Survey

- Annual Report was released for the year 2022-2023.

Season and Crop Report

- Season and Crop Report was released for the year 2022-2023.

Crop Forecast

- The final estimates for the year 2022-2023 and the second advance estimates for the year 2023-2024 were sent to the Union Government.

Fruits and Vegetables

- Average yield and production for 13 crops were estimated for 2022-2023 and Annual Report was released for the year 2021-2022.

Minor crops

- Average yield and production for 8 crops were estimated 2022-2023 and Annual Report was released for the year 2022-2023.

Prime Minister Fasal Bhima Yojana

- During Special and Rabi season 2023-2024, 98,144 experiments were planned, village list

was sent to all the districts for 34 Agriculture and Horticulture crops.

Coconut and Arecanut

- Annual Report was released for the year 2022-2023.

Rainfall

- Annual Report was released for the year 2022-2023. Monthly report for December-23 has also been released.

Agricultural Wages

- Annual report was released for the year 2022-2023. Monthly report for December - 2023 has also been released.

Timely Reporting Scheme

- Based on the area reported under 9 principal crops in 3,480 villages for the year 2022-2023, reports for Kharif, Rabi and Summer season were sent to the Union Government.

Improvement of Crop Statistics

- Check on Area enumeration was undertaken for the year 2022-2023 for 520 villages for both Central and State samples in Phase I, II and III were sent to the Union Government.

11th Agriculture Census (2021-2022)

- 11th Agriculture Census Phase-I work has been completed and completion report was sent to Union Government.

Data Analytic Unit (DAU)

- Pre base line survey draft report on Tamil Nadu House Panel Study (TNHPS) has been released on October 2021 by Madras Institute of development studies (MIDS) through Department of Economics and Statistics (DES).
- Tamil Nadu Elderly Panel Survey (TNEPS) Wave one survey report has been released on November 2022 by this Department in collaboration with J-PAL(SA) - (Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, South Asia) and Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.
- Draft report of Baseline Survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Citizens ahead of Lok Sabha Elections 2024 has been sent on 01.11.2023 to the Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu.

Sustainable Development Goals

- "Tamil Nadu - Sustainable Development Goals - Fact Sheet 2021" report was released on 04.03.2023.
- The report on "District Good Governance Index (DGGI) – Tamil Nadu 2021" prepared by Planning and Development Department through the Department of Economics and Statistics was circulated to all the Secretaries and District Collectors on 13.10.2023.

State planning commission (SPC)

Schemes

Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) Scheme

- Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) scheme was established in State Planning Commission to encourage culture of innovation in the Government and Government Agencies to address the processes and problems and to foster innovation through a variety of promotional activities and funding support for schemes and programmes.
- For the year 2022-2023, a shelf of 32 projects worth of Rs.130.95 crore (for 3 years) were recommended to the Government.
- A shelf of 30 innovative projects worth of Rs.100 crore (for 3 years) were recommended to the Government for sanction. For three years, totally 62 innovative projects were recommended at a total outlay of Rs.230.95 crore.

Centre for Innovation in Governance

- The "Centre for Innovation in Governance" is proposed to be set up under the Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives (TANII) in the State Planning Commission as per Assembly announcement 2023-2024. The Centre will work with Government Departments, District administrations and cutting edge institutions to bring innovation in governance, which is futuristic, climate friendly and sustainable. The Centre will fund and monitor the innovative projects which will improve public service delivery and promote good governance.

State Balanced Growth Fund

- In the financial year 2022-2023, the State Balanced Growth Fund Phase-II scheme had been reformulated with the objective to reduce the regional disparities in the development parameters of health, nutrition Education among the districts.
- An amount of Rs.50 crore was allotted for the financial year 2022-2023. Under this scheme, 6 Projects were sanctioned with a total cost of Rs. 92.53 crore in which Rs. 48.54 crore has been released as first instalment for implementing the project. In the Revised Budget 2023-2024, Rs.43.98 crore has been allotted as second instalment for implementing the projects under SBGF(R).

Focus Blocks Development Programme

- During the Budget Speech (2023-2024), Government has announced the Focus Blocks Development Programme (Priority Blocks Including Hill area Regions) for regional Development and an amount of Rs.100 crore has been allotted in Budget Estimate 2023-2024. Now, in the Revised Estimate 2023-2024, the allocation for the FBDP has been reduced to Rs.25 crore.

Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board

- Sustainable Urban and Industrial Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, Water and Land Resources Management, Tourism and Heritage, Energy Infrastructure, Environment, Climate Resilience and Natural Landscape, totally 13 research projects were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.2.39 crore emphasizing the above focus areas.
- Three workshops were conducted at a cost of Rs.27.50 lakh aiming to give solutions to the disruptive threats of Forest Invasive Species and Prosophis juliflora, and for sustainable seaweed cultivation in the State.

Collaboration with International Agencies

- UK-British High Commission extended its technical support to the development of "TN Heat Mitigation Strategy and Action Plan".

Collaboration letter between SPC and British Deputy High Commission Chennai was exchanged in the presence of UK Minister of State Commonwealth and Development Affairs at TNGIM 2024. This strategic report help to address the impact of increasing global warming and to enhance the state's heat resilience capacities, protect both the built and natural environment and vulnerable population groups.

- GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), an organization funded by the German government has provided the TOSCA tool to the State Land Use Research Board. This tool is designed to facilitate research for urban planning and analysis. This tool was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Finance Minister.
- In collaboration with GIZ, the project on "Framework for Nature-Based Solutions for Enhancing Urban Resilience in Tamil Nadu" is undertaken by SPC with the main objectives to identify the opportunities and challenges for integrating NbS at various governance scales. This holistically results in contributing integrated disaster mitigation, climate resilient strategies, sustainable economic growth and development in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- With the support from UNEP, the study on Identifying Urban Heat Island Hotspots and mitigation strategies to reduce the UHIE impact in Tamil Nadu" is done by SPC. This will allow for the preparation of an appropriate Urban Heat Island Effect mitigation plan.
- This skill share in partnership with the British Deputy High Commission supports the State and Chennai city authorities to introduce clear, consistent guidelines and policy changes to implement their ambitions for relating LEZs, contributing to India's Net Zero goal by reducing pollution caused by tailpipe emissions. The toolkit framework will enable authorities to have access to best practice guidelines and shared knowledge, creating a 'community of practice', and encouraging Cross-India learning and collaboration.

Studies

- The on-going study on "Socio - Economic Assessment and Environmental Vulnerability of Coastal Communities in Tamil Nadu" aims to identify the socio economic vulnerability

of the coastal communities, particularly, the fisher community and the environmental vulnerability in 14 coastal districts.

❖ The study on "Status of Forests in Tamil Nadu" signifies the changes in forest cover at the district level. The data and analysis from this report would serve as critical inputs for policy making in the forestry sector of Tamil Nadu.

❖ The study on "Analysis of the effect of Climate change on the Land Use Land Cover in Tamilnadu" examines how changes in Land Use and Land Cover (LULC) have affected local climate change in Tamil Nadu over three decades, from 1991 to 2021.

❖ The study on "Influence of Land Use on Sustainable Development Goals – An analysis with respect to Tamil Nadu" analyzes the indicators related to land use targets of 11 out of 17 sustainable Development Goals.

Some of the Significant studies which gave inputs to the departments in making important policy decisions :

Economic valuation of ecosystem services: A study of eighty prioritised wetlands

❖ The study in Tamil Nadu assesses the economic values of 80 prioritized wetlands with the objectives of estimating benefits, aiding decision-making bodies, analyzing impacts on livelihoods, and considering innovative institutional approaches. This study gave significant information to the department to rejuvenate wetlands in Tamilnadu. As of January 2024, totally 16 RAMSAR sites got declared and our state is the First in the country with maximum RAMSAR sites.

Creation of Geospatial Database of the Sacred Groves in Tamil Nadu and Documentation of the Biodiversity

❖ This research study helps to identify all the sacred groves present inside or outside of Reserve Forest boundary, to delineate and create a spatial database of the sacred groves in Tamil Nadu, to document the biodiversity – flora and fauna of these groves and to identify the problems hampering the protection and growth of each sacred Groves and suggest remedial measures to the concerned agency.

Land Suitability Assessment – Kallakurichi District

❖ This study would help the local government to identify unused lands in Kallakurichi District and to evaluate its potential for various department initiatives such as forestation, storm water harvesting, agriculture, solar energy, housing and industrial development.

Workshop

International Workshop on Management of Forest Invasive Species

❖ Management of invasive alien plant species needs a focused and dynamic approach based on studies and field experiences. An understanding of changes in spatial and temporal distribution and abundance of invasive alien plant species is crucial. The workshop conducted in February 2023 urges the departments concerned to identify the baseline, carry out assessment using standard scientific methods using geospatial technology, and develop a strategy using the decision support system. Dedicated efforts to address these should also be taken up on a priority basis to conserve the native natural biodiversity.

Effective Management of Prosopis juliflora in Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu

❖ A workshop was conducted in March 2023 to discuss optimizing the use of Prosopis julif lora, providing livelihood opportunities, protecting biodiversity, framing policies, and drawing effective management strategies.

Positive and negative implications of Prosopis juliflora on the environment, health, livelihood, ecosystem services, and socio-economic activities were discussed in detail to develop strategies for effective management of Prosopis juliflora.

Key Future Plans :

- Establishment of Land Use Policy Research Lab with Land Use Information System at State Planning Commission: It will have the potential to revolutionize decision-making and resource management across Tamil Nadu. By providing comprehensive and accessible geospatial data, LUIS will contribute to sustainable development, improved planning, and a brighter future for the State.

Evaluation Studies

Vidiyal Payanam Scheme

- Gender justice has been a corner stone of several social justice measures undertaken by Government of Tamil Nadu over the last 50 years. Gender justice ranges from equal, inheritance property rights, providing incentives for girl children to pursue higher education and providing micro credit programs for women for better access of finance.
- Tamil Nadu Human Development Report published in 2017 highlights that Tamil Nadu has one of the highest work participation rates of women in the country and also indicates higher share of female headed households compared to most other states. But the Corona pandemic compounded the vulnerabilities of women in the informal economy due to livelihood loss.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has addressed the above issue by initiating a new scheme "Vidiyal Payanam" that waives charges for travel by the women commuters in the State in ordinary fare buses.

Objective

- To evaluate the economic and non-economic impacts of the women commuters, the State Planning Commission undertook a study on the scheme in two phases. The study covered the age profile, social category, educational profile, income profile, average savings of women commuters.

Phase-I Study:

- The study was conducted in Chennai

Metropolitan area in selected MTC bus routes such as Koyambedu – Thiruvottiyur, Tambaram – Chengalpattu and Broadway – Kannagi Nagar.

Key Findings of the Phase - I Study

- 60 per cent of women commuters are below 40 years indicating higher levels of mobility among younger women.
- Around 71 per cent of women commuters have studied upto Higher Secondary or below, to shows that the scheme has largely helped women with lower educational attainments.
- Around 73% of them earn less than Rs.12,000/- per month, highlighting the fact that the scheme has disproportionately benefited women with lower incomes.
- 80% of users belong to SC/BC households, out of which, 39% are SC commuters indicates that SC households rely more on public transports.
- The average savings of women passengers who use this scheme is Rs.858/- per month, which amounts to 8-12% of their monthly income.

Phase – II Study

- With the view to scale up the study across the State, phase-II study was conducted in three Districts viz., the Agri belt of Nagapattinam, Tourism-belt of Madurai and Industrial-belt of Tiruppur.

Key Findings of the Phase – II Study

- Almost 50% of women travellers are aged above 40 years, indicates the importance of the free travel in the lives of older women in Tamil Nadu.
- 39% of users belong to SC, 21% to MBC and 18% to BC, which shows that the majority of women who had benefited are from marginalized social groups.
- Largest share (around 44%) of the women commuters are those with educational qualification of less than fifth grade.
- 70% of them actually live in rural hinterlands and travel to nearby urban nodes, mainly for labour requirements. This scheme supports rural-urban-rural travel among rural households.
- More than 80% of women users earn less than Rs.12000/- month shows the scheme is more advantageous to low-income categories than well-to-do households.
- On an average, women commuters save about Rs.888/- per month, which accounts to 11.4% of their monthly income.

Major Socio-economic Outcomes of the Study

- Higher work participation; Increased savings; Ability to access skilling opportunities; Reduced dependency on family members for travel needs.
- Scheme has largely benefited low-income categories and women passengers from rural areas.
- Women mainly use the scheme for livelihood and essential purposes and do not take advantage of free services by frequent travel.

Rapid Assessment of the Flagship scheme – Illam Thedi Kalvi (ITK)

- The State has launched the flagship scheme "Illam Thedi Kalvi" (ITK), to address the learning losses among school students due to Covid -19 lockdown . The State Planning Commission has commissioned a study to assess the effectiveness and impact of ITK in the identified 362 schools in the districts of Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Salem, Tiruvarur and Viluppuram and the report was submitted to Government.

Rapid assessment on the performance of Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme (TNUES)

- The State Planning Commission has undertaken a rapid assessment of Tamil Nadu Urban Employment Scheme (TNUES) to study the

performance and impact of the scheme on the ground and to identify various factors influencing the implementation of the scheme for scaling up of the scheme as well as to address the gaps in the existing design and implementation. The report was sent to Commissioner of Municipal Administration. The study covered 2 zones from Greater Chennai Corporation, one zone each from Coimbatore and Tirunelveli, 4 Municipalities, and 11 Town Panchayats.

Evaluation of end- Semester question papers of the State Universities in Tamil Nadu (Arts, Science, Engineering Courses)

- The State Planning Commission has undertaken an evaluation of a sample set of question papers in the art, sciences, and engineering subject, drawn from the representative State universities to study whether the examination papers reflect the quality of expected learning outcomes as per the revised Bloom's taxonomy knowledge levels. The report has been completed and would be submitted to Government shortly.

Policies inputs

Housing Policy

- State Planning Commission has prepared a draft Housing Policy for Rural and Urban Tamil Nadu including Tamil Nadu Integrated Township development Policy to bring out a cohesive policy for housing to broadly address opportunities in housing sector, legal and institutional framework for urban housing and slum upgradation, rental housing, housing for vulnerable, energy efficiency, etc., The draft housing policy has been sent to the Government for necessary action.

Sustainable Land Use Policy for Tamil Nadu

- The State Planning Commission has drafted a policy on "Sustainable Land Use Policy of Tamil Nadu". This policy intends to focus on optimal land and resource utilization. It also focuses on reclamation of fallow lands and other unused lands for productive purposes without compromising the sustainable land and management.

Tamil Nadu Right to Health Policy (Draft)

- The State Planning Commission constituted the Working Group on Health Policy consisting of 23 members in order to prepare the Tamil Nadu Right to Health Policy. The subjects regarding the Policy were discussed and the policy was prepared.

LGBTQIA+ Policy

- The Members of SPC made discussion regarding the preparation of the policy as well as obtained the remarks from Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department. Accordingly, the policy was finalised.

Industrialisation Policy for a Transitioning Economy:

- The State Planning Commission has formulated the Industrialisation Policy for a Transitioning Economy, aimed at realizing the vision of making Tamil Nadu a $1 trillion economy by 2030 and the same submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister during October' 2022.
- This Policy comprises of the six policy papers prepared based on key elements like market landscape, current position, sectoral trends, areas of opportunities, best-in-class benchmarks with strategic initiatives to strengthen the industrial sectors:
- The sectoral Departments are releasing Policies that align with the guidance and recommendations outlined in these policy papers.

Policy for Augmenting Water Resources (for Agriculture and Drinking)

- The whole idea of the water policy is to develop a framework of action plan taking

into consideration comprehensively the current issues and concerns of water supply and demand and water use and abuse. Furthermore, the water policy is framed in the larger emerging context of increasing competing demand for water across all sectors (such as for domestic and drinking needs, agriculture, industry etc.,) ecological and environmental degradations, climate change induced extreme events such as floods and droughts. The draft policy has been submitted to the Government.

Policy for Waste Management for Rural and Urban Areas:

❖ The core aim of the policy is to minimize waste generation at source and facilitate reduce, reuse and recycling over the disposal of wastes and to provide clearly defined roles and responsibilities to identify and co-ordinate each activity of the waste management. The draft policy is under finalisation.

Policy for Street Dog Management and Control:

❖ The proliferation of stray dogs and owner-abandoned dogs on roadsides and in public places has led to an increase in human-animal conflicts which include injuring and killing of dogs, accidents, caused by dogs and other animals and raid. Even though various measures like animal birth control program and establishment of animal shelters are being implemented to resolve these issues, this problem is being increased in the recent time. The purpose of this policy is to provide appropriate guidelines to deal with this issue. The draft policy is under finalization.

Sustainable Development Goals

Capacity Building:

❖ Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad conducted a 4-day online programme – 2 days online and 2 days offline to the nodal officials of the Department of SDG units.

❖ Orientation on District Good Governance Index to officials at the department and district level to facilitate data collection.

❖ Training with the support of the Development Monitoring and Evaluation office - DMEO on Output, Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF) was held by the Statistical Training Institute in Anna administrative Staff College where officials at the State level were trained for two days in a participatory workshop.

❖ A team of 55 Panchayat Presidents from different departments and SDGCC for looking at best practices for localising on how SDGs were taken on an exposure cum training visit for 3 days at Kerala to sensitise the Panchayat Presidents and the Departments on how through programming SDGs can be localised through programming.

❖ A workshop to evolve Multi-sectoral Framework with the Welfare of the differently abled for inclusive skilling and employment and transport and mobility, was convened.

❖ Planning and Development, Senior SDG Consultant along with the SDGCC supported the Rights Project in finalising the Multisectoral Framework which involved the compiling of different schemes related to the differently -abled persons and how to focus on the outcomes.

❖ Briefing I.F.S, I.A.S Probationers and IES Officers on the role of Planning and Development,, Progress in SDGs.

❖ Two to three batches of Indian Foreign Services, Indian Administrative Services and Indian Economic Services Officers were appraised of the State's activities in the SDGs and how the monitoring framework of the State has been updated.

- Exposure visit to Haryana facilitated to look at SDGCC best practices and various methods adopted by the departments for outcome budgeting. A 10-member team led by the Additional Chief Secretary, Planning Development with participants drawn from the Heads of Departments.
- Part of the regular training for localising SDGs at the panchayat level.
- The training for panchayat level SDG localisation with nine themes and linkage with different schemes and the overall SDG framework were appraised to the panchayats.
- Political Economy Analysis of Child poverty workshop with UNICEF support was held to look at how child outcomes can be improved with the SDG framework and the department schemes.

Cluster District programme including District level planning and localisation efforts

- Localisation of SDGs at the Panchayat level required that the officials at the District level were sufficiently sensitised to understand the need for convergent design and planning at the district and sub-district levels.
- In 100 days, 8 cluster District meetings covering all the Districts for 1,000 officers were held under the leadership of the district collectors to orient first level officers on the critical indicators and schemes related to the localisation of SDGs. The cluster District meetings were held in Kanniyakumari, Kancheepuram, Tiruvannamalai, Virudhunagar, Pudukkottai, Coimbatore, Salem and Mayiladuthurai.
- The District sensitised officers in turn trained block level officers in all the districts.
- 2-day training was organised in KILA for the localisation of SDGs and women and child friendly local governance at the panchayat level with a field visit to Panchayats in Kerala to view the local governance structures.

Monitoring at the District level- District Good Governance Index:

- A District Good Governance Index has been prepared on the lines of the Good Governance of India, 2021. A Base line Report is being prepared.TNeGA has been entrusted with developing a dashboard to present the data from the Districts.

Communication and dissemination

- Influence of Social media has given rise to a different genre of communication, where conversations can be quick and information is easily relayed and this was used for spreading messages regarding SDGs. Social Media accounts such as #tnsdggoalkeepers and a logo had been created and was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the 4th of March 2023.
- Instagram presence at: https://instagram.com/tamilnadusdg?igshid=MWI4MTIyMDE=, Linked in presence at: https://www.linkedin.com/company/tamilnadusdg/; Facebook presence at https://www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id =100089661429180 &sk=about; and a Twitter account of https://twitter.com/tamilnadusdg?s=11&t=mkPi9vbm4sE4x1_Sy_i9Yg were also launched.
- A writeshop was conducted to create material for dissemination in print and through local media on the SDGs and this can be used for spreading behaviour change communication messages and the important action points to reach the sustainable development goals.
- SDG reports and dissemination Documents were released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 4th March 2023.
- A SDG Desk calendar has been prepared for dissemination so that each month we can focus on one Sustainable Development Goal.

- Cluster District programme – localisation of SDGs – presents the efforts to sensitise and build capacities across the State at the District and sub-District level.
- SDG Fact Sheet presents the progress of the State in SDGs under various indicators.
- 'Tamil Nadu Investing in the Sustainable Development Goals' Presents 100 initiatives of the present Government across Departments.
- 'The thematic approach to SDG's – presents the thematic approach under nine themes to achieving SDGs at the panchayat level.

Monitoring framework

- First Baseline Report of District Good Governance Index has been shared. Preparing for the next version document of DGGI.
- The DGGI measures the performance across 10 parameters and ranks the districts on these parameters. Indicators are either impact or support indicators where greater weightage is being given to the Impact Indicators. Finalisation of indicators for monitoring across Focus blocks and Panchayat Development Index has been done.
- A comparison of indicators across different monitoring frameworks for Aspirational Districts, Blocks and SDG Indicator framework were used for developing the focus block monitoring framework.
- The District level Executive Committee becoming functional. The District level Executive Committee meetings are being held periodically and the District Indicators being reviewed.

Experts round-up for SDGs

- As way forward for the SDGs indictors to be modified, added to bring the state level flagship programme into SIF 2.0.
- Dedicated SDGCC for taking forward the SDGs formed in association with UNDP.
- Technical Advisory Groups for Nutrition, Gender, Skilling, Employment and Livelihoods, Transport and Mobility. Experts drawn from academia, Civil Society Organisations, research institutions and multilateral agencies are a part of this group.
- Three vision documents – Skilling, Employment and Livelihoods, Transport and Mobility, Health and Nutrition have been prepared with several concept notes. The gender vision document is under preparation.
- NITI Aayog, UNWOMEN, UNICEF and Women Safety Accelerator Fund delegates discussions and interactions.
- Teams from Niti Aayog under Shri Suman Bery's leadership visited and interacted with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Team, Vice Chairperson of the State Planning Commission and young IAS officers.

New schemes localisation

- Aspirational Blocks Programme - The department supported the identification and working to mainstream the Programme in the state with proper facilitation and necessary state guidelines and instructions.
- A team with the Planning and Development Department members, SDGCC and SIRD participated in the write shop and the release of the Panchayat Development Index book and also launch of the portal.
- Efforts at the State level to make the Panchayat Development Index as part of the localisation of SDGs and developing of frameworks and guidelines for internalising the process has been initiated.

New initiatives – Gender Responsive Budgeting

- Planning and Development supported the Department of Social Welfare and women

Empowerment in taking forward the Gender Responsive budgeting agenda and the training was coordinated by the Senior SDG Consultant.

- Planning and Development Department is part of the discussions and deliberations of revised new methodology for moving the State Gender Budget towards ex-ante Budgeting.

Notable event participation

- Social innovations by the Government of Tamil Nadu were put forth at the Annual Sustainability Conference with a focus on Tamil Nadu's social inclusion.
- This Department helped with resource person to support the training on Gender Responsive Budgeting.
- As part of the Panel Discussion, Dr. Sultan Ismail, Member State Planning Commission and Senior SDG Consultant participated in an event Roar to Restore organised by the Lions International and CNBC-TV where several State initiatives and participation by Civil Society organisations and corporates for achieving the SDGs was discussed.

Human Resources Management Department

- Orders were issued to make the Tamil Language Paper compulsory as a qualifying examination in all the competitive examinations conducted by the Recruiting Agencies in Tamil Nadu. Statutory effect has been accorded by incorporating the provisions of section 21A in the TNGS (CoS) Act, 2016.
- The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has published 12 Notifications and has conducted 10 Competitive Examinations.
- For the very first time in the Commission's History, the Commission has conducted the Departmental Examinations in the mode of Computer Based Test in all District Centres.
- Grievance Redressal Cum Call Centre (GRCC) has been established to resolve the queries of the candidates.
- Upper age limit for appointment by direct recruitment in Government Services has been increased by two years.
- Orders were issued for giving priority to children who have lost both the parents due to Corona virus, Persons who had studied in Government Schools through Tamil Medium and those who are First generation graduates in the appointment for Government services made through Employment Exchanges.
- The Maternity Leave admissible to married women Government Servants has been enhanced to 12 months.
- To encourage the Government Servants to acquire higher qualifications that enhance their work efficiency and execution, an incentive for acquiring higher qualification has been announced.
- Six new Detachments were created in the newly formed Districts namely Chengalpattu, Ranipet, Tirupathur, Kallakuruchi, Mayiladuthurai and Tenkasi. Special Investigation Cell has been established in the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption.
- The existing three ranges were reorganized into five ranges namely the Chennai City range, Central range, North range, West range and South range and each range is being supervised by a Superintendent of Police.
- The system of e-office has been launched in the Human Resources Management Department.
- Tamil Nadu State Training policy 2022 has been implemented. Through this, the officering of the officers working in the

Secretariat, Government Department, District Collectorates, Public Sector undertakings, Boards and Corporations will be improved.

- Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Act, 2022 has been enacted in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 07.03.2022 for vesting the function of recruitment of posts in the State owned Public Undertakings, State Corporations and Statutory Boards and Authorities under the control of the State Government to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Accordingly the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Rules, 2022, have been framed and both the Act and the Rules have been implemented in the State.
- In order to ensuring transparency and credibility in the recruitment process of the TNPSC and to speedup the post-examination process such as evaluation of answer sheets, Onscreen Evaluation Lab has been set up in the office of the TNPSC at a cost of Rs.95 lakh.
- Five Members have been appointed in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.
- Over the past three years, 27,858 candidates have been selected through state-level recruitment agencies such as the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Teachers Recruitment Board, Medical Services Recruitment Board and Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board to fill vacancies in various Departments.

Department of Archaeology

- Conservation and renovation of Sarjamaadi, Thanjavur, Danish Fort, Tarangampadi and Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, Madurai at a cost of Rs.16.93 crore.
- Reconnaissance survey in coastal areas of Korkai at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore. In which a sum of Rs.64 lakh has been borne by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department.
- A sum of Rs.5 crore has been provided as recurring expenditure for carrying out Scientific Excavations.
- 34 new posts have been sanctioned in the new world class museum at Keeladi in Sivagangai District at a cost of Rs.1.58 crore.
- Two High end Handheld 3D Scanners and accessories had been procured for digitally scanning of Antiquities and Inscriptions at a cost of Rs.60 lakh.
- During the 45th Chennai Book Festival, Porunai Exhibition Hall was set up at 5,000 sq.ft.
- International seminars on “Ancient Tamil Culture and Heritage” in 2022 and “Contemporary Developments in South Indian Archaeological Research” in 2023 were held at Anna Centenary Library.
- Porunai Museum will be established in an area of 13 acres in Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.33.02 crore.
- A new world class Keeladi Museum wasestablished at Kondagai village, Sivagangai District on 05.03.2023 at a total cost of Rs.18.42 crore.
- In January 2024, an International Seminar on “History, Science and Technology of South Asian Pottery” was held at the Indian Institute of Technology in memory of Padma Shri Iravatham Mahadevan.
- Tiruchuli, Pudupatti, Sevalpatti, Pathinalampor and Muvarai Vendan have been declared as Protected Monuments.
- In 2024, excavation work had been started at eight sites namely Keeladi and its Cluster - Sivagangai District, Vembakottai -Virudhunagar District, Kilnamandi -Tiruvannamalai District, Porpanaikottai

- Pudukottai District, Tirumalapuram - Tenkasi District, Chennanoor - Krishnagiri District, Kongalnagaram - Tirupur District and Marungur - Cuddalore District. In which, excavation of Keeladi and its Cluster at Sivagangai District and Vembakottai at Virudhunagar District were inaugurated by Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister through video conference on 18.06.2024. Excavation at other locations was also started on the same day.

❖ Excavation report of Perumpalai at Dharmapuri District carried out during 2022-2023 was released on 18.06.2024 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

❖ Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Volume – XXVIII containing Tamil and English explanatory note of 138 inscriptions in Chengalpattu district was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 18.06.2024.

❖ Reconnaissance survey in coastal areas of Alagankulam on similar lines like Korkai survey has to be conducted in collaboration with the Indian Maritime University at a cost of Rs.65 lakh for which the preliminary works are in progress.

Energy Department

Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited

Agriculture service connections

❖ One lakh Agricultural service connections have been effected in one year, i.e during 2021-2022 covering 2.13 lakh acres of land at a cost of Rs.803 crore.

❖ 50,000 Agricultural service connections under General category have been effected during 2022-2023, covering 86,384 acres of land at a cost of Rs.816 crore. Under special priority category 902 services have been effected so far.

❖ Government of Tamil Nadu has fixed 50,000 Agriculture service connections target for the year 2023-2024. 18,975 services have been effected so far.

Minnagam

- "Minnagam" a State Level Centralized Customer Care Centre was launched with Mobile number-94987 94987, wherein the consumers can register 37 nature of complaints related to Electricity.

Installed Capacity

- The total installed capacity of Tamil Nadu has been increased to 36,671 MW from 36,981 MW.

Peak Reached

- TANGEDCO grid has achieved an ever before maximum per day consumption of 454.32 MU on 30th April 2023. All-time maximum demand so far reached is 20,830 MW on 02.05.2024 without any hindrances. Un-interrupted power supply is maintained for 24 x 7 hours.
- Chennai has met the maximum demand of 4,769 MW and maximum one day power consumption of 101.755 million units on 31.05.2024.

Renewable Power

- An all-time wind high generation of 5,899 MW on 30.07.2024 and highest generation in a day is of 120.25 MU on 09.07.2022.
- An all-time solar high generation of 5,512 MW on 24.07.2024 and highest generation in a day is of 40.50 MU on 23.04.2024.
- 4,390 MW of solar power has been added to the grid and the total installed capacity of solar as on date is 8,901 MW.
- An incentive amount of Rs.7.9 crore has been obtained from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) towards capacity addition in solar roof top during 2021 – 2022.
- 12 MW Dharmapuri and 15 MW, M.R.K. Co-Generation Sugar mills plants were commissioned.
- Repowering of old inefficient Wind Mills owned by Private Wind Power Developers in Tamil Nadu to a capacity of 26.195 MW.

Generation

- The energy generated from TANGEDCO owned thermal stations during the year 2020-2021 was 15,554 million units and 20,391 million units during 2021-2022 with an increase of 20,391 million units which is around 31.1% higher than the previous year. The energy generated during the year 2022-2023 was 22,689 million units with an increase of 2,298 million units which is around 11.27% higher than the previous year (2021-2022). The energy generated during the year 2023-2024 is 25,479 million units which is around 12.3 percent increased.
- TANGEDCO's own hydro power generation has exceeded the annual target set by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) by about 1,660.36 MU and 2,261.08 MU during the year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 respectively.
- Hydro Generation achieved during the year 2022-2023, 6,174.08 MU is the Highest Generation during the last 10 years.
- 14 Hydro power houses of TANGEDCO have reached the highest generation so far eclipsing the previous best.
- The remarkable PLF 100.83% was achieved on 08.12.2022 and Station peak load of 97 MW as against the rated capacity of 95 MW was reached on 04.12.2022 at 18.00 Hrs since commissioning of Unit at Valuthur Gas Station - I.

Coal

- The domestic coal realization quantity from MCL and SCCL during 2021 and 2022 was 166.21 LT and 175.13 LT respectively and further the realization quantity increased to 208.48 LT during 2023, the highest so far. Hence, through Gangavaram and Tamra

Ports, the coal was loaded onto barges and brought to unloading ports quickly.

Projects

- To increase the State Owned Installed capacity, five projects are under progress (thermal and hydro projects).
- In order to unload the coal quickly, 2 numbers Gantry Grab type Shore Un loaders (GSU) at Coal jetty-1, VOCPT/ Tuticorin.
- The Project, North Chennai Super Critical Thermal Power Plant Stage – III. Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the generating capacity reached full load of 800MW and generated 449 MU.
- In order to prevent accumulation of coal dust from NCTPS-I to NCTPP-III, dust screen arrangement works at a cost of Rs.38 crore has been completed successfully.

Transmission

- Since 2021, 56 new substations have been commissioned with a capacity of 10,960 MVA.
- In 403 Power Transformers, Additional / Enhancement of Power Transformers to a total capacity of 7,938 MVA have been commissioned.
- EHT lines to a length of 3,120.05 circuit kilometers have been energized.
- 17 Numbers of 2750 MVAR Reactors and 18 numbers of 214 MVAR capacitor banks have been commissioned at major substations for quality power flow in the network.
- A new Hot line division has been formed at Korattur, to carry out electrical maintenance work in high voltage towers and substations without any power interruption.
- An Additional GIS Subdivision at Guindy, Chennai has been formed.

Distribution

- Consumer Service Rating of DISCOMs (CSR-D) - TANGEDCO had scored an

aggregate grade of 'B+' for the year 2021-2022. Due to the effective steps taken to increase the focus on Consumer service, TANGEDCO has scored the aggregate grade of 'A' for the year 2022-2023. TANGEDCO has secured 'A' grade in the consumer service rating for the year 2022-2023 and has been appreciated by the Union Government.

❖ 3 Regions with headquarters at Thanjavur, Tiruvannamalai and Karur have been formed.

❖ 11 New Divisions namely, Chepauk, Sholinganallur, Pallavaram, Denkanikottai, Pennagaram, Thiruvennainallur, Uthukuli, Vedasandur, Jayankondam, Sathur and Gangavalli have been formed.

❖ 29.03 lakh new service connections have been effected.

❖ Including the DTs commissioned Under Mass Improvement Program, in order to reduce overload and to provide regulated voltage, 60,930 new additional DTs have been erected and commissioned.

❖ 9 Numbers of 33 KV source feeders situated near coastal areas of Delta districts have been converted into UG cable and brought into service.

❖ At the Suchindram Arulmigu Thanumalayan temple in Kanniyakumari District, Arulmigu Sriranganathar temple in Srirangam Thaanthondrimalai Arulmigu Sri Kalyana Venkataramana Swami temple in Karur. temple car streets UG cabling have been brought into service.

❖ 46 New 33/11 KV Substations have been commissioned.

❖ 19,117 kms of HT lines have been energized.

❖ 35,762 kms of LT lines have been energized.

❖ Enhancement of 29 Additional Power Transformers in existing 33/11 KV Substations.

❖ During North East Monsoon and Mandous Cyclone, damages caused in poles, lines, DTs, etc., were rectified quickly and supply have been restored in a very short span of time.

❖ The restoration works for Cyclone Michaung were carried out with the help of the 11,164 officers and staff on war footing without break round the clock and supply restored in shortest time.

❖ The restoration works were carried out with the help of the 5,920 Officers and staffs on war footing without break round the clock due to unprecedented rain fall in Southern Districts on 17.12.2023 and 18.12.2023.

❖ 61,78,023 Special and Mass Maintenance Works have been carried out.

❖ In water logging areas at Chennai, so far 5,182 pillar boxes have been heightened to one meter from the ground level.

❖ Also plinths were heightened to about one meter height for 41 power transformers in sub-stations.

❖ 5,195 Ring Main Units (RMUs) have been installed from 07.05.2021 to 31.01.2024 to ensures maintenance free HT network and reliability of power supply.

IT Initiatives

❖ The huge task of linking Aadhar was successfully completed in a very short time.

❖ Online Application portal for all LT new services including Agriculture Service Connection, Tariff Change, Name Transfer, conversion of solar to non-solar etc., and e-receipt download has been developed.

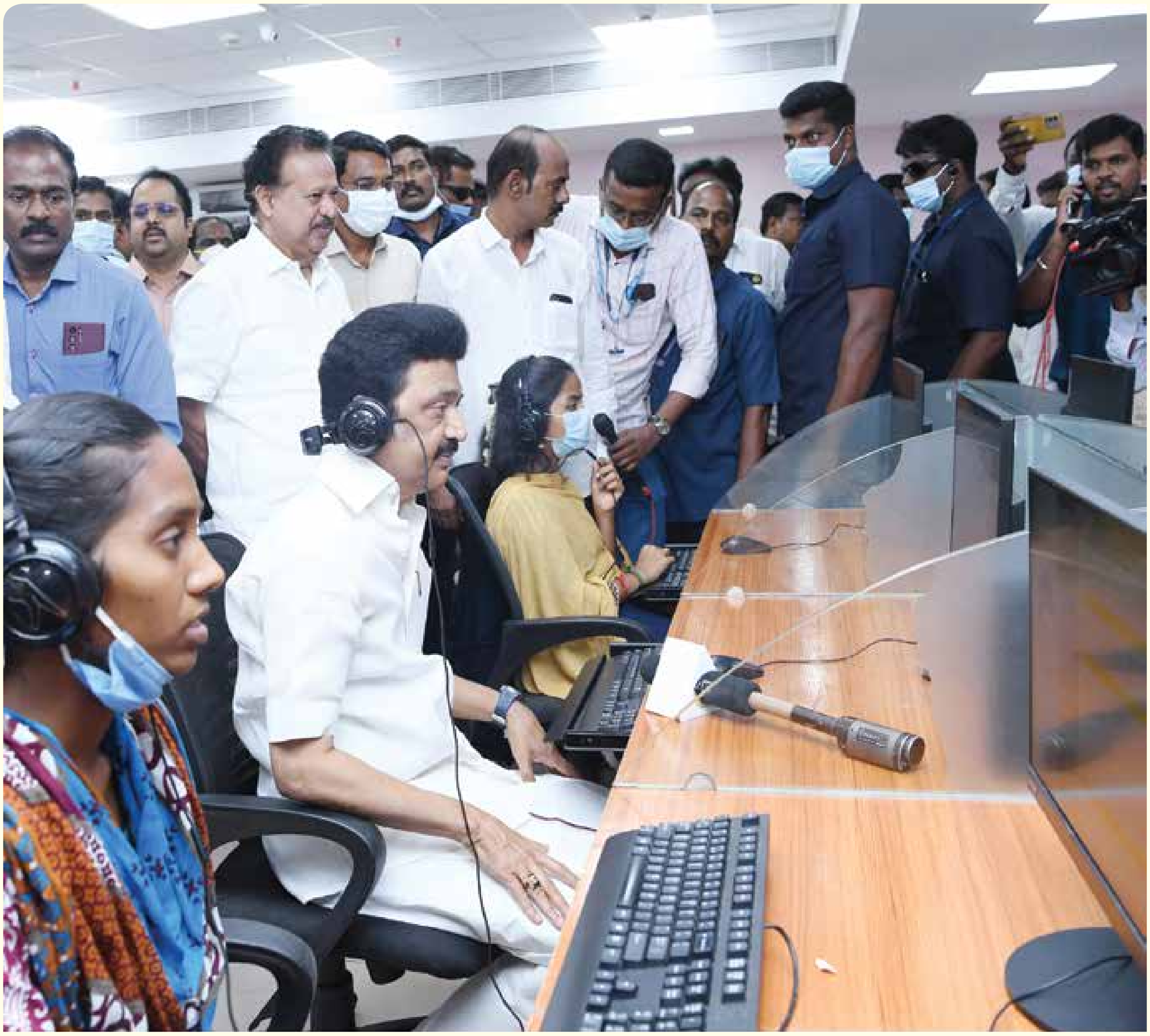
❖ Software for Refund of amount for the cancelled applications made online through Bank transfer.

❖ Single payment gateway for all Banks has been enabled.

- Single window portal for submission of applications and name transfer for LT Industrial consumers.
- Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP).
- Enhancement of Websites of TANGEDCO, TANTRANSCO, TNEB Ltd.
- Solar portal for Consumers availing CFA (Central Financial Assistance) and Integration with National Solar Roof Top portal for domestic consumers.
- Redesigned Mobile App for Consumers, LT assessment for Assessors and AEs, daily job allocation and execution for Distribution offices and Pensioners with Digital Life certificate submission have been developed.
- Facility to lodge Theft of Energy Complaint through online.
- SMS regarding Planned outages to consumers.
- Successfully completed the digitization (Geo tagging) of all field assets of TANGEDCO, positioning it as the first DISCOM utility in India to have an extensive digital platform in GIS, covering the entire state of Tamil Nadu.
- Implemented GIS enterprise web portal in integration with other legacy IT systems.
- Integrated with NSC module to ensure mapping of incremental consumers without omission.
- Showcase affected areas feeder-wise dynamically in live environment.
- Successfully completed the digitization of Extra High Tension (EHT) assets of TANTRANSCO.
- Launched “TNEB GIS” mobile app developed in-house for re-verification of consumer location and indexing information and “TNEB SAFETY” mobile app, a pioneering initiative, towards ensuring the safety of field employees.
- GIS implementation using in-house team has resulted in significant cost savings, amounting to Rs. 200 crore for the utility.
- Successfully deployed Pilot project in Smart Metering using AMI technology for 1.3 lakh consumers in the T.Nagar Smart City ABD area marks a ground breaking achievement, streamlining commercial operation.
- Implementation of Social Media Management in TANGEDCO.
- Implementation of redundant network connectivity to 120 locations of TANGEDCO, throughout the state through ‘Smart Indigenous Fiber Optic Communication System.
- Facial Recognition Attendance System has been implemented in Head Quarters.

Awards

- TANGEDCO had participated in SKOCH awards 2022 and received Golden award for ERP Implementation.
- Silver SKOCH award for installation of Automatic Meter Reading in Wind Energy Generators.
- TANGEDCO has participated in Indian Smart Grid Forum Innovation Award 2023 and received Diamond award for implementation of Automatic Meter Reading for Renewable generators.
- Received the “Indian Express” group’s Express Computer IT Excellence Award and SKOCH “Order of Merit” award for GIS implementation.
- TANGEDCO has been awarded “BEST EXPORTER AWARD” by Paradip Port Authority for the financial year 2021-2022 for handling Thermal Coal of 10.90 Million M.T.



❖ Received Business Excellence Award as "Most Progressive State of the Year" towards implementation of AMR for RE Generators from "India Wind Energy Forum Leadership Awards 2023"

❖ TANGEDCO has been awarded with SKOCH Gold Award 2024 for implementation of Smart Meters at Thyagaraya Nagar of Chennai Smart City Area.

❖ M/s TANGEDCO has been awarded "Best Exporter Award 2022-2023" by Paradip Port Authority for the financial year 2022-2023 for handling Thermal Coal of 15.32 Million M.T.

❖ M/s TANGEDCO has been awarded "Best Business Partner Award 2022-2023" by Kamarajar Port Ltd for Highest Coal import – Dry Bulk Category, handling Thermal Coal of 8.02 Million M.T.

❖ TANGEDCO has been awarded by Kamarajar Port Ltd for "Highest Record of thermal coal handling in 24 hrs, unloading 61,940 MT" from TANGEDCO vessel at Coal Berth –I on 27.12.2023.

Savings

❖ During the financial year 2021-2022, savings to the tune of around Rs.2,745 crore have

been achieved by various cost effective techniques viz., improved generation by efficient operation of the existing generating stations, reduction in interest payment etc.

- During the financial year 2022-2023, savings to the tune of around Rs.1,090 crore have been achieved by reducing the O&M cost in Thermal Stations, coal handling charges, CTU charges, loan interest rates, effective transport of coal from load port, enhancement of discharge quantity of coal, sale of fly ash and power swapping arrangements, etc.

Tariff concessions given to consumers after Tariff revision

- In the revised tariff with effect from 10.09.2022, fixed charges of INR 20 to 50 bimonthly on Domestic consumers have been withdrawn and the energy charges alone being collected from the consumers. Due to this concession, 2.36 crore of Domestic consumers are being benefited in Tamil Nadu.

- For Handloom weavers, the present Government has enhanced existing supply of free electricity from 200 units for two months to 300 units. Due to this enhancement, 73,642 Handloom weavers are being benefited in Tamil Nadu.

- For Powerloom weavers the existing supply of free electricity from 750 units for two months has been enhanced to 1,000 units. Further, the reduction in tariff of 35 paise / unit for units 1,001 to 1,500 bimonthly and 70 paise /unit for units above 1,500 bimonthly have been provided as subsidy. Thus, 1,68,000 powerloom consumers in Tamil Nadu are praising this Government whole heartedly.

- Time of the Day (ToD) peak hour charges have been reduced from 25% to 15% for Low Tension MSME Industrial consumers from 08.11.2022 onwards, Government of Tamil Nadu has provided additional concession of total non-levy of peak hour charges till installation of smart meters from 10.11.2023. These reduced tariff charges are being provided as subsidy by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Due to this around 3.11 lakh of industries are getting benefited in Tamil Nadu.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu issued policy directive to TNERC to consider Consumer Price Index of August 2022 to April 2023 instead of April 22 to April 23, thereby reducing tariff impact from 4.7% to 2.18% for the tariff revision for FY 2023-2024. Hence, all 3.30 crore consumers have benefited with the reduction from 01.07.2023 onwards.

- The 2.18% tariff hike was not passed on to the 2.36 crore Domestic consumers from 01.07.2023 and the Government of Tamil Nadu was bearing the burden of subsidy.

- In order to benefit small domestic households Government of Tamil Nadu has provided concession by reducing the tariff rate to certain categories of Multi-tenements consumers under LT Tariff ID from Rs.8.15/ unit to Rs.5.50/unit (Rs.2.65/unit subsidy by Government of Tamil Nadu) for common supply in Multi-tenements from 01.11.2023 without lift facility i.e less than or equal to 10 residents and less than or equal to three floors for common lighting and water supply by creating a new category of LT IE. The difference in tariff is reimbursed to TANGEDCO in the form of subsidy.

- In order to encourage Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in LT III B categories the Solar Roof top Network Charges have been reduced by 50% from 10.11.2023. Due to this 50% reduction of Network charges, around 3.11 lakh industries are benefited.
- To encourage and improve the reading habits among the public, the tariff has been approved as Domestic rate without subsidy thereby reducing current consumption charges by 30% for libraries running on non-commercial basis. Due to this, many libraries functioning in Tamil Nadu are being benefited.

Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency

Solarisation of Government Buildings under Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO)

- 22 numbers of 622.96 KW power have been commissioned and 11 numbers of 313.625 KW power are yet to be commissioned, out of 33 numbers 936.585 KW power in RESCO mode.

Solarisation of Government Buildings under Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)

- 221 Numbers installed and commissioned with the capacity of 867 KW in Government Higher Secondary / High Schools and 111 numbers with a capacity 392 KW power yet to be installed and commissioned out of 332 Schools with the capacity of 1,259 KW power.
- 65 KW power Solar Rooftop System and 3 nos. of 500 litre per day (LPD) Solar powered hot water Systems have been installed at the Highway Research and Training Center.
- Solar Rooftop System 110 KW power and 50 Numbers of 20W LED Solar Street lights at Tamil Nadu Herbal Farms and Herbal Medicine Corporation (TAMPCOL) have been installed.
- 300 KW power Solar Rooftop System at the Periyar University have been installed.
- Roof top Solar systems with a capacity of 160 KW in Hon'ble Madras High Court have been installed.
- 2,170 numbers of 10,038 KW have been commissioned. 2,170 Residential consumers have been benefited out of the Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Systems (GCRTS) Phase-II for domestic consumers.
- Solar powered street lights for twenty check posts of Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW) have been installed.
- Tenders floated for Site Survey, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and five years Comprehensive Maintenance of Distributed Grid-Connected Solar PV Systems of various capacities for buildings of Government Offices, Court Complexes, State run industrial units and educational institutions in the state of Tamil Nadu under CAPEX model for a cumulative capacity of 20MW.

Tamil Nadu Electrical Inspectorate

- The twenty candidates selected by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for the post of Assistant Electrical Inspector and Junior Electrical Inspector have been appointed.
- The Government Electrical Standards Laboratory serving consumers, electricity suppliers, generating companies, and electrical contractors was accredited with ISO - 17025 certification by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).

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Youth Welfare, Sports Development, Special Programme Implementation Department & Poverty Alleviation Programme and Rural Indebtedness

Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development

Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin

Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department

High Cash Incentives for Athletes

- Rs.104.22 crore given as high cash incentives to 3,345 sportspersons including para-athletes who have won medals in National and International level sports competitions.

Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons (ELITE)

- In the budget announcement of 2023-2024, it was announced by the Hon'ble Minister on the floor of the Assembly that the monetary support given to ELITE athletes has been increased from Rs. 25 lakh at present to Rs. 30 lakh to 21 number of beneficiaries had been benefited under this scheme.

Mission International Medal Scheme (MIMS)

- To recognize and cultivate sports talents with the aim of securing medals at the International level, the Government introduced the Mission International Medal Schene in 2018.

❖ Sportspersons under this scheme have increased their financial assistance from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 12 lakh and 38 beneficiaries have been benefited under this scheme.

Appointment of Coaches

❖ 76 new coaches were appointed by the State, an effort that is only seconded by the appointment of 4 High-Performance Foreign Coaches and 5 Expert Coaches and 2 para sports coaches to provide international-level training.

Awards & Recognitions

❖ Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu was recognised as the “Best State Promoting Sports Development” at the CII Sports Business Award 2023

❖ Tamil Nadu was adjudged as the “Best State for Promoting Sports” at The Hindu Sportstar Aces Award for their outstanding achievements.

Chief Minister’s State Youth Award

❖ In 2022, the Chief Minister’s Youth Award which comprises a medal, citation and cash award of Rs.1,00,000 was awarded to 3 Men and One Woman and in 2023, the Chief Minister’s State Youth Award was given to 4 Men and 3 Women during the Independence Day Celebration.

Kalaignar Sports Kit Scheme 2023-2024

❖ Sports kits are provided under the Dr. Kalaignar Sports Equipment Scheme to the 12,525 Village Panchayats of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 85.99 crore.

❖ Each kit consists of 33 different equipment for sports such as Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Throwball, Kabaddi, Chess, Carrom, Badminton, Tennikoit and Silambam.

❖ The Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development has inaugurated the Dr. Kalaignar Sports Equipments Scheme at Madurai on 18.02.2024 and sports kits were distributed.

❖ Subsequently, 4,456 sports kits were distributed to 3,180 Village Panchayats on various dates in Madurai, Coimbatore, Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram, Tiruppur, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Erode and Karur Districts.

❖ For the remaining 9,345 Village Panchayats, 12,342 Sports Kits distribution to the respective Village Panchayats is in progress.

Building repair and renovation works

- Special repair and renovations to Girls Sports Hostel, Tiruvanamalai District at cost of Rs.39.90 lakh.
- Renewing the existing Tennis court at Mogappair Sports Complex, Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs.1.37 crore.
- Sports stadiums at Pudukkottai, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Vellore District were named after Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Karunanidhi.
- The maintenance of Modern Stadia and repair and renovation work at the District stadiums under the control of SDAT were carried out at a cost of Rs.30 lakh.
- The Synthetic Athletic Track with a sub-base was reloaded at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai at a cost of Rs.8.64 crore for hosting the Khelo India Youth Games-2023.
- The Government had sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 crore for Renovation of Sports Infrastructure for Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Nungambakkam Tennis Stadium and Velachery Swimming Pool Complex, Chennai.
- The Government had sanctioned a sum of Rs.9.90 crore for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Sports LED flood light with DMX control system with 6 years of comprehensive Annual Maintenance at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium by upgrading the existing MH flood light system.
- The relaying of Synthetic Hockey Turf and constructing of a new practice pitch for Hockey at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium at Chennai were completed at a cost of Rs.9.09 crore.
- Sanction of Rs.25 crore for the Renovation of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

New Infrastructure

- Administrative and Financial Sanctions have been given for a sum of Rs.37 lakh for providing additional amenities for the Outdoor District Sports Complex at Katpadi Village in Vellore District.
- A Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.67.48 lakh for additional works to be executed for the completion of the construction work for the Sports Hostel Building in the District Sports Stadium Campus at Udhagamandalam in the Nilgiris District.
- Revised Administrative Sanction of Rs.19.24 crore and additional Financial sanction of Rs.2.79 crore were accorded towards construction of Multipurpose Open Air Sports Stadium in Vellore District.
- The Government had sanctioned Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.5.95 crore for the construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at District Sports Complex, Theni.
- To set up a boxing Acadamy in Gopalapuram, the Government had given an administrative sanction of Rs.7.78 crore and financial sanction of Rs.5 crore.
- Rs.8.25 crore sanctioned towards relaying of synthetic athletic track at District Sports Complex, MGR Stadium, Madurai.
- Rs.50 lakh for the construction of a Weightlifting Training Centre at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram District.
- A sanction of Rs.85.60 lakh sanctioned towards the construction of a Tennis Court and a Gym Hall in District Sports Complex, Karur District.
- A sum of Rs.30 crore and a financial sanction of Rs.25 crore given for the establishment of Mini Stadia at 10 places in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ A sum of Rs.15 crore for the construction of the District Sports Complex at Pattakurichi Village in Tenkasi District.
- ❖ A mini stadia to be set up in ten Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu in the first phase and mini stadia already in use at 29 Assembly Constituencies have been named as "Chief Minister's Mini Stadia".
- ❖ A sum of Rs.7 crore has been sanctioned for the establishment of Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hockey in Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi District.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.One crore has been sanctioned for the establishment of a Sports Hostel and a new Gymnastics Stadium in Special Gymnastics Development Centre at Karattupalayam, Erode District.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.15 crore given for the Construction of the District Sports Complex at Chengalpattu.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.20 crore given for the Construction of Multipurpose Sports Complex at Salem District.

44th Chess Olympiad

- ❖ Rs.114.39 crore was allocated by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the conduct of the '44th Chess Olympiad'.
- ❖ For the first time in the history of India, more than 2,000 Chess players from 186 countries participated in the 44th International Chess Olympiad which was held from 28.07.2022 to 10.08.2022 in Mamallapuram.

International Women's Tennis Championship (WTA)

- ❖ A sum Rs.5 crore allocated to the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association to organize the Chennai Open WTA International Tennis Championship 2022.

Squash World Cup 2023

- ❖ Squash World Cup 2023 was held at Chennai, after a gap of 12 years. According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Rs.2 crore has been given to the Tamil Nadu Squash Racket Association as financial assistance from the Government of Tamil Nadu for the conduct of the competition.

Chief Minister's Trophy

- ❖ Rs.50.86 crore allocated for conducting the Chief Minister's Trophy. More than 3.76 lakh sportspersons participated in the District Level Games held in all the districts. 27,054 Sportspersons who topped the district

and regional level competitions participated in the Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Games.

Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy - 2023

- The 7th "Asian Men's Champions Trophy Chennai (Men's) 2023" was held from August 3 to 12, 2023 in Chennai again after 16 years, at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore.
- The tournament was organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu in association with Hockey India.
- Rs.17.33 crore was allocated to conduct the "Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy Chennai 2023".

World Surfing League

- Rs.2.68 crore allocated for conducting the world surfing league competition from August 10 to 20, 2023.

HCL Cyclothon

- HCL Cyclothon was organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu in association with the Indian Cycling Federation and was held at East Coast Road, Chengalpattu District in three categories.

Perarignar Anna Marathon

- To develop interest among the youth, the Arignar Anna long distance running equivalent to Marathon was successfully conducted in all district headquarters on 07.10.2023 for a sum of Rs. 38 lakh.

Perarignar Anna Bicycle Race

- The Government has increased the current allocation from Rs.One lakh to Rs.38 lakh for the conduct of Perarignar Anna Cycle race.

Tamil Nadu Sports Science International Conclave (TASCON 2023)

- Rs.25 lakh allocated for international conference on sports science. Tamil Nadu Sports Science International Conclave (TASCON 2023) was held at Taj Coromandel, Chennai and about 250 delegates led by sports science scholars from India, Britain, Netherlands, Malaysia and Canada participated in it.

Chennai Chess Grandmaster-2023

- The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and the Chess Foundation jointly organised the Chennai Chess Grand Master -2023, a world-class chess tournament.
- 8 players from India, Norway, the USA and Netherlands participated in this competition held with a total allocation of Rs.1.77 crore.

Khelo India Youth Games

- Khelo India Youth Games 2021 was conducted in Haryana in the under-18 age category. A total of 288 sportspersons from Tamil Nadu participated and secured 7th place at the national level and won 52 medals including 14 gold medals, 14 silver medals and 24 bronze medals and brought laurels to Tamil Nadu.
- In the 5th Edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2022 held in Madhya Pradesh in the under-18 age category, Tamil Nadu had finished as 8th in the medal tally with a total of 52 medals with 12 gold, 19 silver and 21 bronze medals.
- The 6th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2023 was held in Tamil Nadu and was hosted at Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore in January 2024 at a cost of Rs.189.94 crore.
- The Khelo India Youth Games 2023 featured the participation of over 5,630 athletes from 36 States and Union territories in the U-18 category and over 1,600 support staff. The event also witnessed the participation of over 1,020 technical officials and more than 1,500 volunteers. This edition of Khelo India

Youth Games featured 27 sports disciplines and Silambam, the traditional sport of Tamil Nadu, as a demo sport.

❖ Tamil Nadu secured the second position in the overall medal tally with 98 medals with 38 Gold, 21 Silver and 39 Bronze.

ATP Challenger 100 International Men's Tennis Tournament

❖ A sum of Rs.One crore per annum sanctioned towards conduct of ATP Challenger 100 International Men's Tennis Tournament for three years i.e., 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

❖ In the years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the ATP Challenger 100 International Men's Tennis Tournament was conducted successfully.

Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation

❖ To achieve seamless coordination between the Government and several stakeholders, the SDAT has created a company called 'Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation'.

❖ As of now, an amount of Rs.9.26 crore has been sanctioned as sponsorship to Sportspersons to procure equipment, to travel for participation in higher level competitions etc., and various other expenditures.

Employment Opportunities for Meritorious Sportspersons in Government Departments / Public Sector Undertakings

❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu has issued orders for allotment of 3 per cent sports quota to the sportspersons in identified posts in Government Departments.

❖ 7 sportspersons who secured medals in international competitions/participated in the Olympics were appointed in various Public Sector Undertakings and Government Department during the year 2023-2024.

Pension Scheme for Sportspersons who are in indigent circumstance

❖ The pension for the outstanding sportspersons who are in indigent condition is enhanced from Rs.3,000 to Rs.6,000. And 77 sportspersons were benefited in this scheme at the age of 58 years.

Sports Hostel

❖ Sports Hostels serve as platforms to identify and nurture sporting talents at the school level and college level. 27 sports, 6 Centre of Excellence are operational in School Students, 6 Sports Hostel of Excellence for College Students are operational in the State, accommodating 2,600 students.

Scientific Assessment

❖ A Scientific Assessment of fitness and performance parameters for the Sports Hostel students is being carried out.

❖ In the first phase, hostel students in Chennai were assessed.

Sports Science Centres

❖ Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has established the integrated Sports Science Centre (ISSC) in Madurai on 18.02.2024 under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative Scheme.

❖ The primary objectives of the ISSC is to prevent sports-related injuries, rehabilitate injuries, and restore athlete's original physical fitness to enable them to resume sports activities as quickly as possible. Additionally, the centre promotes drug-free sports and anti-doping measures. In addition to Madurai, an ISSC is being established in the Nilgiris.

Achievements of National Cadet Corps

Republic Day Camp

- During 2023, Tamil Nadu Directorate won overall second position. Also, it has been adjudged as the “Best NCC Directorate” in the 6 events at the RDC as the 2023.
- During 2024, Tamil Nadu Directorate won the overall Third position.

All India G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship-2022

- Tamil Nadu Directorate bagged the overall second place with 4 Gold, 2 Silver and one bronze medal among 17 State Directorates in the All India Inter Directorate Shooting Competition conducted at Chandigarh in July 2022. The Tamil Nadu National Cadet Corps Directorate Won 2 Gold medals in the All India Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Competition and G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship-2022.
- Tamil Nadu Directorate of National Cadet Corps won 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals in the 32nd All India G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship, 2023 conducted in Madhya Pradesh.

Shooting Championship

- Tamil Nadu Cadets set a new record by winning 16 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals in both individual and team events in the 47th Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship.
- Valiant Team of 30 NCC cadets of NCC Directorate participated in the 48th Tamil Nadu Shooting Championship Competition held at Madurai from July 17 to 23, 2023. Tamil Nadu NCC Cadets achieved a new milestone and created a bench mark of excellence by winning 76 medals (33 Gold, 28 Silver and 15 Bronze) in both the individual and team categories. It is the highest number of medals ever achieved by NCC team in the history of Tamil Nadu.

All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC)

- Tamil Nadu Directorate won 3 Gold, 2 Silver Medals in the year 2022, and one Gold Medal in the year 2023 and got the 9th position.

All India Nau Sainik Camp (AIVSC)

- The Naval Wing NCC Cadets of Tamil Nadu Directorate won one Gold, one Silver and one Bronze Medal in the year 2022 and bagged the second position.
- The Naval Wing NCC Cadets of Tamil Nadu Directorate won 3 Gold, one Silver and one Bronze Medal in the year 2023 and bagged the Sixth position.

Yachting Regatta in 2022

- Tamil Nadu Directorate achieved First place with one Gold medal in the year 2022 and one Bronze Medal and bagged the Fifth place in 2023.

Youth Exchange Programme (YEP)-2023

- 8 Cadets from Tamil Nadu Directorate were selected under Youth Exchange Programme and 7 students visited various countries like The England, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Russia, Bhutan and Nepal.

International Day of Yoga 21st June

- Around 54,548 Cadets and 1,364 Alumni of Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate participated in the International Day of Yoga conducted on June 21, 2022 at 773 locations all over the State.
- Around 55,887 Cadets of Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate participated in the International Day of Yoga conducted on June 21, 2023 at 321 locations all over the State.

Induction Of Cadets Into Defence Forces

- 5 Cadets from Tamil Nadu Directorate have joined the Defence Forces as Officers and 60 Cadets into other ranks in 2021-2022.
- 11 Cadets from Tamil Nadu Directorate have joined the Defence Forces as Officers and 425 Cadets into other ranks in 2022-2023.

Social Service Activities

- In Fit India Movement in 2021-2022, a total of 24,140 cadets participated in the run from August 18, 2021 to October 02, 2021 covering 78,066 km approximately.

Announcements made during 2022-2023

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has enhanced the Refreshment allowance from Rs.10 to Rs.25 per cadet per hour of parade and sanctioned a sum of Rs.8.44 crore as additional funds (recurring expenditure) from the year 2022-2023.
- The Government has accorded financial sanction for a sum of Rs.1.10 crore towards construction of 50 meters baffle range in the premises of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University at Melakottaiyur.
- Sanction of Rs.50 lakh for Construction of Additional Infrastructure at NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti, Madurai District.
- Sanction of Rs.One crore for Construction of Additional Infrastructure at Permanent Camp Site located at Neerpeyar Village, Maduranthagam Taluk, Chengalpattu District.
- Sanction of Rs.One crore for Construction of first phase of works for Permanent Training Centre at Olaiyur.
- The Government has sanctioned Rs.58.23 lakh towards procurement of 13 imported Sporting Rifles and purchase of certain mandatory accessories.
- The Government has accorded administrative sanction of Rs.72.99 lakh towards expansion of National Cadet Corps in Coastal regions of the state.
- A sum of Rs.7 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure towards purchase of 12,000 rounds of 0.22 mm imported sporting Ammunition (Eley Club) and 8,400 rounds of imported Ammunition (Eley Tenex) to impart training to NCC Cadets for achieving higher ranks in the Inter Directorate and G.V.Mavlankar Shooting Competitions.
- The Government has enhanced financial sanction from Rs.60 lakh to Rs.One crore

lakh per annum for incurring Republic Day camp and Centrally Organized Camps expenditure.

- Enhancement of ceiling limit for Ocean Sailing Expedition from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.4.50 lakh per annum from the year 2023 onwards.

- The Government has accorded administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.7.12 lakh the towards the conduct of 14 days camps under AAPDA Mitra Scheme.

- The Government has enhanced the amount sanctioned for purchase of kitting items and other accessories for the shooting team of the NCC Directorate, Chennai from Rs.1.74 lakh to Rs.4 lakh.

- The Government has enhanced the amount sanctioned towards the conduct of the Chief Minister's Rally and State Felicitation Function and Reception of Tamil Nadu Republic Day Contingent from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.6 lakh from the year 2024 onwards.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Republic Day Parade

- In 2023, 14 NSS Volunteers and one Programme Officer, and in 2024, 13 NSS Volunteers, one Programme Officer were selected at University level Selection and State Level Selection to represent Tamil Nadu for the National Republic Day Parade held at New Delhi and this year the Government has arranged air travel for the RDC Contingent for the first time.

- The NSS Contingent consisting of 140 volunteers and 10 Programme Officers participated in the State Republic Ceremonial March-past at Marina in Chennai.

State Adventure Camp

- The State Adventure Camp held at Yercaud in July 2022 and October 2023, witnessed the participation of 300 students.

State Youth Festival :

- The State Youth Festival, held in Chennai during the month of August 2023, saw active involvement from the National Service Scheme (NSS). A total of 18 Programme Officers and 200 NSS Volunteers participated.

One crore palm seeds were planted:

- The planting of one crore palm seeds, stands as an impress spanning across 14 districts and covering a distance of 1,076 kilometers. Engaging the participation of 1,00,000 students, this endeavour unfolded from September 2022 to September 2023 under the guidance of the Tamil Nadu Palm Workers Welfare Board, Green Nida Ecosystem, and National Welfare Program. With the planting of one crore palm seeds at the district level, this initiative also achieved a commendable Global world record.

National NSS Award

- 2019-2020: Kamaraj College, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thoothukudi won the National Award for Best NSS Unit.

- 2020-2021: Dr.R. Ramesh, Anna University, Chennai won the National Award for Programme Co-ordinator.

- 2019-2020: Dr.A. Devaraj, Kamaraj College, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thoothukudi won the National Award for Programme Officer.

- 2019-2020: Mr.C.Ayyanar, Pachaiyappas College, University of Madras Chennai and Mr.G.V. Nitish, Jerusalem College of Engineering, Anna University, Chennai won the National Award for National Service Scheme Volunteer.

- 2020-2021: Ms.R.Sweshika, Paavai Engineeing College, (Anna University) Namakkal won the National Award for National Service Scheme Volunteer.

Achievements of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University

- Centre of Excellence for Badminton Academy which was constructed at a cost of Rs.13.33 crore at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated.
- Centre of Excellence in Table Tennis Academy which was constructed at a cost of Rs.12.60 crore at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated.
- Hostel for 400 students at a cost of Rs.14.59 crore which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated.
- Centre of Excellence in Bio Mechanics Laboratory at a cost of Rs.13.12 crore which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated.
- Traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam Training Centre at a cost of Rs.1.60 crore which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated on 14.03.2022.
- Dining Hall with kitchen Centre in the Camping Centre at a cost of Rs.51.72 lakh which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated.
- Parking shed for 210 two-wheelers and 25 four-wheelers at a cost of Rs.73 lakh which was constructed at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was inaugurated on 14.03.2022.
- Additional class rooms were constructed at a cost of Rs.5.83 crore at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University. Melakottaiyur, Chennai.
- A sum of Rs.2.98 lakh was sanctioned for for the enhancement of Microlight Flying Training to the NCC Cadets.
- Inauguration of 400 meter synthetic athletic track, multi-purpose training hall and residential building for teachers in Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was done.
- Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of compound wall for girls hostel in Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.

Special Programe Implementation

Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam

❖ Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam Scheme, 1.06 eligible beneficiaries selected in September 2023, in October and November & December 2023, 1.06 crore and 1.13 crore respectively, and in February to July 2024 - 1.15 crore deserving women were provided. For the financial year 2023-24, Rs.8,065 crore funds are allocated for this scheme.

Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation

Short-Term Skill Training

❖ Short-term skill training programs conducted by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation provide free training through approved training institutes in more than a thousand industries across 37 sectors, including aerospace and aviation, health, and information technology.

❖ Providing employment-based skill training through more than 300 approved skill training centers with a direct credit of Rs.100 per day as a transportation fee to the bank account.

❖ 2,32,331 youths have benefited from free skill training.

Factory Skill School

❖ 3,700 youths have been benefited through the skill training imparted by leading industrial organizations to raise the standard of skill training.

Ilaya Thalam

❖ "Naan Mudhalvan Ilaya Thalam" fulfills the employment and skill training needs of thousands of youth through artificial intelligence technology based chatbot. 44,787 youths have benefited.

Craft Skill Schools

❖ 330 youths have been trained in craft skills under the project "Neeye Unakku Raja" to revive the arts of ancient Tamils such as pottery making, Thanjavur painting, wood carving, sea oyster jewellery making, palm leaf weaving, Pathamadai mat making, bronze sculpture, and traditional jewellery making.

Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam

❖ Training will be provided free of cost to the youth of North Chennai along with certification and incentives up to Rs.10,000 per month and employment will be provided in leading companies including TVS, Wheels India. In the first phase of this scheme, 1,800 youths are undergoing training.

Vocational Skill Training For Tribal Students

❖ Skill development training for tribal students

in association with NTTF was initiated for 200 persons.

Three Wheeler Driver Training For Transgenders and Women

- ❖ Three-wheeler driving training for transgenders and women was initiated for 105 people in association with IRT.

English Skill Training For Students of Government Hostels

- ❖ 52,334 students in all Government hostels have been given English speaking training by qualified training partners (BC & ADW).

Urban Habitat Development Board Residential Youth Skill Training

- ❖ Educated youths and young women living in Settlements have been imparted skills training. Courses have been offered to 2,060 persons free of cost to get jobs and become self-employed. Certificates were awarded to 442 persons who completed the training.

Skill Training for Camp-Dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils

- ❖ 2,452 persons living in Sri Lankan Tamil camps in all districts in Tamil Nadu were provided with skill training and employment.
- ❖ 100 youth with bachelor degree in Computer Science have been mapped to undergo placement linked skill training through Naandi Foundation.

Dual Recognition by NCVET

- ❖ Dual Recognition by NCVET, the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has been recognized as Awarding and Assessing body by the National Council.

Naan Mudhalvan

- ❖ "Naan Mudhalvan" program to provide vocational skill development training for 10 lakh youth in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A dedicated website (www.naanmudhalvan.tn.gov.in) is operated to enable students to access skill classes easily at no cost.

Naan Mudhalvan in Engineering Colleges

- 41 Mandatory Skill Trainings are offered in Engineering Colleges where training has been started under "Naan Mudhalvan" Scheme.
- 22,424 Faculties were trained and 7,83,734 students in 856 Engineering colleges have been trained in skill training for future employment. 26 leading institutions are offering mandatory courses.

Naan Mudhalvan in Arts and Science Colleges

- 34,229 Faculties were trained. 17,06,623 lakh Students in 1,688 Colleges have been benefited by the courses offered through Naan Mudhalvan.

Naan Mudhalvan in Polytechnic Colleges

- Naan Mudhalvan Scheme has been extended to Polytechnic Colleges (Diploma). 3,950 Faculties were trained. 1,92,784 students in 459 Polytechnic Colleges (Diploma) have been offered skill courses.

Naan Mudhalvan in ITI

- Total number of 64,149 students in 412 ITIs were benefited by acquiring Basic English for Employability Course under Naan Mudhalvan Program.

Naan Mudhalvan in Schools

- To reduce the dropout rate of students after passing 12th standard a team of career guidance counsellors has been formed to provide inputs for future career.
- 30,269 students have been mobilized for this event, of which 15,713 students including 7,884 in Arts and Science Colleges, 2,144 in Engineering Colleges, 1,461 in Polytechnic Colleges, 1,876 in ITI and 2,348 in other higher education courses have been facilitated to join higher education institutes of their choice.
- The scheme will reach 18 lakh students in more than 13,000 government schools in Tamil Nadu.
- Naan Mudhalvan "Kalloori Kanavu" motivates students to make decision for higher education and provides career guidance to around 1,20,000 students.

Naan Mudhalvan Campus Placement Drive

- The essence of Naan Mudhalvan lies in bridging the gap between education and employment. The campus placement drive has been a success, with 72.8% of Engineering students and 57.7% of Arts and Science students securing placement. This translates to 1,19,235 students securing placement out of 1,84,283 applicants, indicating transformed lives and a job ready workforce.

World Skill Competitions 2022

- Our State won 23 medals and ranked 10th nationally in Indian Skill Competitions.
- Winners of India Skill Competitions-2021 from Tamil Nadu were felicitated with cash prizes.
- 2 gold medalists were awarded Rs.One lakh each, 8 silver medalists were awarded Rs.50,000/- each, 8 bronze medalists and 5 special awardees were awarded Rs.25,000 each in cash.

❖ Winners of India Skill Competitions have participated in World Skill Competitions conducted in various countries and three people from Tamil Nadu have won medals and brought pride to our State.

World Skill Competitions 2023

❖ About 58,522 candidates from 48 various Skills had registered through online portal to participate in the TN-Skills Level-1 Skill Competition.

❖ 18,518 candidates appeared in the First Level of the Competition Exam and 2,351 candidates have been selected to appeared for the Second Level Exam.

❖ 241 candidates appeared for the Third Level (i.e State Level Competition) 48 candidates were selected from the Final Level and were admitted to appear in the National Level Competition (i.e India Skill Competition).

Naan Mudhalvan Competitive Exams

❖ In order to provide training and other assistance to the youth of Tamil Nadu to enable them to succeed in the competitive examinations for the employment in the Union Government, the Competitive Exam has been established under the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme. Initially, the Integrated Course for RRB/SSC/Banking Examinations were launched in 46 Centers across 38 districts of Tamil Nadu, offering free coaching, test series, mentorship and study materials to those preparing for railways, banking, and SSC exams. This benefited more than 5000+ Candidates.

❖ In order to reverse the declining trend and uplift the UPSC Civil Services examination results from Tamil Nadu, the Naan Mudhalvan Mains scholarship programme offers scholarship of Rs.25,000 for those who clear the Preliminary Exam of the civil services. A total of 453 aspirants received the scholarship of Rs.25,000 each, totalling Rs.1.13 crore.

❖ Under Naan Mudhalvan Preliminary Exam Scholarship Programme, 1,000 aspirants receive Rs.7,500 per month for 10 months after a screening test.

Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women

Social Mobilization and Institution Building/ Capacity Building

New SHGs Formation

- For the socio economic development of the poor 59,616 new SHGs were formed in rural areas for the year 2021-2022, 2022-2023 respectively and 2023-2024 with 7,58,489 members

Community Fund (Project Fund)

- Revolving fund, Community Investment Fund and Vulnerability Reduction Fund Rs.703.23 crore have been disbursed.

Financial Inclusion

- SHG Bank Loan have been provided to the tune Rs.86,878 crore to 14,88,858 SHGs from 2021-2022 on wards

Partnership & Convergence Section

- For Improving the Socio Economic status of left out vulnerable and for including them in mainstream, 81,630 Special Self Help Groups (Elders, Person with Disability (PwD), Transgender and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)) formed covering 6,41,230 households in the State.
- Out of 81,630 Special SHGS 40,997 groups are formed exclusively for Person with Disabilities and Rs.18.496 crore distributed as revolving fund to Special Group members.
- For improving the Health condition of left out poor, traditional hygienic foods were promoted by conducting cooking competitions at Village Panchayat, Block and District level and winners are felicitated with cash award. Also awareness on traditional millets and foods are being created to promote among people.
- As an awareness promotion among women on Malnourishment and Anemic women, the Nutri Garden was implemented and through this Seeds and Saplings were distributed to SHG Households.
- A Campaign has been conducted for raising voice against Violence on women and Girl child, At SHG level a Gender Point Person has been nominated and Forums at Block Level were created to address the issues and for taking preventive measures at Block and District level. 47 Gender Resource Centers have been established at block level in the name of "Vanavil Maiyyam" in all the districts, to solve the problems like gender-based violence against women and children and domestic violence etc.
- Convergence camps were conducted every month in all 388 blocks exclusively for Special SHGs and facilitated to pool benefits of various Government Schemes at regional level. Through this camps conducted 23,601 have benefited assistance for Old age pension, Widow pension, Welfare cards, Aids & Appliances, Group Houses, Driving License, Two-wheelers etc.

Farm Livelihood

- 224 producer groups have completed activities on certified Seed production harvested the seeds and seeds was procured by TANSIM. Fund of Rs.448 lakhs have been released and fully utilized.
- 8,00,000 rural households have supplied with Moringa and Papaya seedlings through convergence with MGNREGS
- 50 Natural Farming clusters have been formed and registered. They have got scope certificate for selling their farm produce under 'natural product' tag. Fund of Rs.300 lakh were released and fully utilized.
- 185 Integrated Farming clusters have been formed with funding support of Rs.3,980 lakh.
- 6,235 producer groups (PG) formed and provided with revolving fund of Rs.12,470 lakh to take up economic activities.

Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)

- 4,210 enterprises have been supported with RF of Rs.1,967 lakh

Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission

- 30,216 Nano and Micro enterprises provided credit support of Rs.12,334 Lakh.
- 248 clusters formed and provided with Revolving Fund of Rs.620 Lakh.
- Under Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme 7,735 enterprises recommended by 7,622 TNSRLM for seed capital money and fund of Rs.2,853.14 lakhs has been released.

National Rural Transformation Project Economic

- 7,692 Nano and Micro enterprises provided credit linkages of Rs.7,714 Lakh. Social Mobilization and Institution Development (SM&ID)
- In Urban areas 63,551 New Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed for the socio economic development of urban poor
- Revolving Fund (RF) of Rs.54.42 crore disbursed to 54,424 SHGs.
- 1,964 Area Level Federations as well as 20 City Level Federations have been formed strengthening coordinating SHGs.
- Revolving Fund (RF) of Rs.5.76 crore disbursed to 1,152 Area Level Federations.

Self-Employment Programme Individual (SEP-I)

- Rs. 146.54 crore loan has been disbursed to 25,805 individuals to start micro enterprises under SEP-In component.

Self-Employment Programme Groups (SEP-G)

- Rs.533.31 crore loan has been disbursed to 15,205 groups enterprises to start economic activities under SEP-G component.

Self-Employment Programme Bank Linkage to SHG [SEP-BL to SHG]

- Rs.7,060.68 crore loans has been disbursed to 1,17,289 SHGs under SHG - BL in Urban areas of Tamil Nadu.

Placement linked Skill Training

- The rural Poor Youth from the rural area in the age group of 18 to 35 are identified and totally 62,742 candidates have been trained of which 34,391 candidates have been placed under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU- GKY) at a cost of Rs.376.45 crore.

Job Mela 2021-2022

- 511 Job Mela have been organized at district level at a cost of Rs.4.01 crore- 92,003 candidates were given placement in various organizations.

Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project

- 5,000 Producer Groups were formed and start-up fund of Rs.50.73 crore was given to all 5,000 Producer Groups.
- 1,000 Enterprise Groups were formed and start-up fund of Rs.9.30 crore was given to all 1000 Enterprise Groups.
- 53 Producer Collectives has been registered under Company's Act and start-up fund of Rs.14.68 crore was given to all 53 Producer Collectives.
- 2,526 Community Skill Schools were formed and 51,193 youths have been trained at a cost of Rs.19.30 crore.
- 6,000 Community Farm Schools were formed and 1,82,337 producers have been trained at a cost of Rs.51.01 crore
- 10,893 entrepreneurs trained through Entrepreneurship Development Program at a cost of Rs.2.61 crore.

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Law, Courts, Prisons and Prevention of Corruption

Hon'ble Minister for Law

Thiru. S.Regupathy

Law Department

- 11 persons selected through the Teachers Recruitment Board were appointed as Assistant Professors in the Government Law Colleges.
- A sum of Rs. one crore was sanctioned towards the purchase of Law Books, Law Journals and Legal Data bases for the Libraries of the 14 Government Law Colleges.
- A new Government Law College at Karaikudi in Sivagangai District with an intake of 80 students in 3-year and 5-year Law Course was started from the academic year 2022-2023 and orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.92.01 lakh towards the recurring and non-recurring expenses and also sanctioned Teaching and non-teaching posts to the said college and a sum of Rs.100.45 crore was sanctioned for the permanent building and a sum of Rs.10.14 lakh was sanctioned to carry out the temporary building of said college.
- A sum of Rs.30 lakh was sanctioned towards the establishment of Wi-Fi Zones in the Government Law Colleges at Thiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli.
- A sum of Rs.14 lakh was provided towards conducting faculty development programme and refresher course periodically to the Assistant Professors of the Government Law Colleges to improve their teaching skills.

- A sum of Rs.28 lakh per annum was alloted towards conducting international training workshops, seminars and law conferences for the final year students of 14 Government law colleges.
- A sum of Rs.28 lakh was sanctioned for the establishment of indoor stadium and gym in the Government Law Colleges at Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chengalpattu and Vellore.
- A sum of Rs.92.31 crore towards the construction of permanent building for the Government Law College, Namakkal along with Men's and Women's hostel.
- A New additional LLM Course was started in the Pudupakkam Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Chengalpattu and Tirunelveli Government Law College from the academic year 2022-2023.
- A sum of Rs.3 crore towards the purchase of Law Books in the Libraries of 15 Government Law Colleges has been santioned.
- Orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.1.40 crore for conducting Moot Court competitions in the 14 Government Law Colleges and selection of students for participating in the International Moot Court competitions in academic year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
- A sum of Rs.13.03 crore was alloted towards the construction of library for the Government Law College, Vellore and Tirunelveli.
- A sum of Rs.25 lakh was sanctioned for the establishment of RO system in the Government Law colleges at Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chengalpattu and Vellore.
- A sum of Rs.1.58 crore was sanctioned towards the establishment of Football and Cricket Play grounds in Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College Pattaraiperumputhur.
- Orders have been issued for implementing the Internship Program in Law Department for young 17 Law graduates of 3 year and 5-year Law courses from the Government Law Colleges and the School of Excellence in Law of the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University at a cost of Rs.40.80 lakh.

- A sum of Rs.35.92 lakh was sanctioned towards the purchase of Machinery, equipments, computer and spare parts for the Government Law College at Salem, Namakkal and Theni.
- A sum of Rs.1.57 crore was sanctioned for the purchase of Furniture for the Government Law Colleges at Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli and Tirunelveli.
- A sum of Rs.1.83 crore was sanctioned towards the establishment of 500 KVA transformer and MV Panel Board and Room and Cable Trench arrangements at the Government Law College, Theni.
- A sum of Rs.3.50 crore was sanctioned for providing water supply from Mullai Periyar River source through TWAD Board to the Government Law College, Theni.
- A sum of Rs.70.19 lakh was sanctioned to the students admitted in Government Law colleges under the 7.5 per cent of seats under Government quota.
- A sum of Rs.4.40 lakh was reimbursed to the Tamil Nadu National Law University towards the expenses incurred in organizing All India Legal History Congress, virtually through Zoom platform.
- A sum of Rs.18 lakh was reimbursed to the first-generation students studying in Tamil Nadu National Law University in the year of 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 towards the tuition fee paid by them.
- A sum of Rs.20 lakh was sanctioned towards establishing centre for Law and Agriculture and centre for Investment Laws at the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli.
- A sum of Rs.44.27 lakh was sanctioned towards the establishment of Audio and Visual Media Centre in the School of Excellence in the Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University at Perungudi Campus.
- A sum of Rs.1.67 crore has been alloted towards the setting up of Solar Power Plant in the School of Excellence in the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- New LLM course has been started in the subject “Cyber Space - Law and Justice” at

a cost of Rs.1.18 crore in the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University.

- ❖ Action is being taken by the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University to improvise the research in the field of Law on par with International Standards at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.65 lakh was sanctioned towards purchase of Law Books for the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University's library.
- ❖ A sum of Rs. 32.25 lakh was sanctioned towards conducting the workshop in the topic of 'Art of Advocacy' to the students pursuing under graduate law degree courses in the Government Law Colleges and in the School of Excellence in Law.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.20 lakh was sanctioned towards establishing the Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Cyber Security and Centre for Business and Human Rights at the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.16.29 crore was sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University as Block Grant – I for the years 2021-2023.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.27 lakh was reimbursed to the first-generation students studying in Tamil Nadu National Law University in the year of 2020-2021 towards the tuition fee paid by them.
- ❖ Orders have been issued to the effect that the proportion of Tamil Nadu State's reservation Policy (69%) will be followed for "All India Category" (SC-18%, ST-1%, OBC-50%) in the admissions of Under Graduate/Post Graduate/Ph.d programmes offered by the

Tamil Nadu National Law University from the academic year 2022-2023 onwards and thereby Tamil Nadu is a model State for the Country.

- A sum of Rs.5.12 lakh was sanctioned as financial assistance to the students of the Tamil Nadu National Law University who participated in the inter national-level rounds of the Herbert Smith Free-hills (HSF) Law Moot Court Competitions.
- A sum of Rs.23.96 lakh was sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu National Law University students admitted under 7.5 per cent on a preferential basis for the seats under to the Government school students Quota.
- Orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs. 8.80 lakh to the students of School of Excellency in Law, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University for having participated in moot court competition held at Washington.
- Sanctioning of admission of 40 additional students each in 5 year and 3 year Law degree course in Six Government Law College.
- On the occussion of the Centenary celebration of Former Chief Minister Muthamil Arignar Dr. M.Karunanithi, 100 Acts (37 Central Acts translated in Tamil and 63 Tamil Nadu Acts) have been published in Book Form by the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission.
- Tamil Translation of the above said 37 Central Acts have been published in the Gazette of India and printed as Diglot Book Form of 63 Tamil Nadu Acts Published, 43 Acts in Reprint and 20 Acts in new print Published in Book Form The said Acts are available in the Website www.tn.gov.in/acts/dept/19.

Department of Prisons and Correctional Services

- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.180.00 for the Purchase of 9 X-ray Baggage Scanner Machines for 9 Central Prisons in replacement of old machines were purchased and installed
- The Government have enhanced weekly ceiling of expenditure from the Prisoners Cash Property amount from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 1000/- in respect of 'A' Class prisoners and Rs. 450/- to Rs. 750/- in respect of 'B' Class prisoners.
- The Government have enhanced the Honorarium of 24 Counsellors working in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai from Rs.15,000/- per month to Rs.25,000/- per month at a cost of Rs.28.80 lakh as recurring expenditure.
- The Government have sanctioned for purchase of 13 new EPBAX Boxes replacing the old EPBAX Boxes used in 9 Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal, Vellore, Trichy and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai and purchase of 11 new Digital Duplicator machines replacing the old Digital Duplicator machines used in Chief office, all Central Prisons and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai at a cost of Rs.124.75 lakh. Machines were purchased and installed.
- The Government have increased the percentage of apportionment made from the wages earned by the prisoners from 50% to 80% for crediting in to their Account.
- The Government have sanctioned for purchase of 63 Computers, 45 Dot matrix printers, 18 Laser Printers and 21 Xerox machines to all Central Prisons, Office of the Range Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Chennai, Vellore, Madurai and Coimbatore and Office of the Chief Probation Superintendent at a cost of Rs. 82.92 lakh for modernization. Machines were purchased and installed.

- The Government have issued administrative sanction for Upgradation of Library facilities in 9 Central prisons, 5 Special prisons for women, 14 District jails, 112 Sub Jails/ Special Sub Jails/ Open Air Jails at a cost of Rs.208.74 lakh.
- The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, Participated in the Book Fair organized by the Book Sellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI) in association with the Tamil Nadu Government. During the book fair, more than 1,00,000 books were Collected as donations from the book sellers, publishers and visiting public for the use of inmates.
- Apart from this, books are also received as donation from NGOs, individual philanthropists etc. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin has donated 1,500 books to the prison libraries in view of the rehabilitation of the Prison inmates.
- The rate of Risk Allowance to the executive staff of Prison Personnel was enhanced from Rs.800/- p.m to Rs.1000/- p.m for Grade II Warder to Deputy Jailor and from Rs.900/- p.m. to Rs.1000/- p.m for Jailor to Superintendent of Prisons at a expenditure of Rs.83.48 lakh. 3526 no. of executive staff are benefited from this scheme.
- The Government issued order for the modification of pattern of diet of prisoners based on the recommendation of Expert Committee with an additional expenditure of Rs.26.00 crore per annum. Further the above new scheme of diet pattern was introduced for the inmates of Central Prison-II Puzhal in the Prescence of Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts, Prison and Correctional Services on 05.06.2023.
- In order to reduce stress among inmates, to make them realise their mistakes and stop indulging in criminal activities and to facilitate them to talk to their family members, friends and advocates, the number of calls and time duration for using the telephone facility provided to the prisoner has been increased from 8 to 10 per month once in 3 days and the maximum call time from 56 minutes to 120 minutes (12 minutes per call duration) per month and also orders issued to set up Telephone Booth facility with voice and video call inside the prison with the assistance of Public Sector Undertaking/ Organizations.
- Government have issued orders for sale of prison made articles being manufactured by prison inmates under the brand name "Freedom" to the Tamil Nadu Police Canteen.
- As part of the rehabilitation work of Tamil Nadu Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 05.05.2023 in a function held at Raja Annamalai Forum, Chennai, handed over Cheques to 10 ex-prisoners as a token of giving Cheques to 660 ex-prisoners who were released from prison on amnesty on the occasion of the birthday of Perarignar Anna worth Rs.3 crore 30 lakh to start self-employment on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Discharged Prisoners Aid Society. The others were given cheques in that function itself. The above Scheme helped, 660 released prisoners in becoming self-employed and to improve their livelihoods, get consistent rehabilitation and start a new life in the society without resorting to crime again.

Directorate of Prosecution

- The Government have newly constituted the Office of the Assistant Director of Prosecution at Thiruvallur by sanctioning one post of Assistant Director of Prosecution with supporting staff of One Assistant, One Typist and One Office Assistant.
- The Government have sanctioned for the formation of the Offices of the Assistant Director of Prosecution at Krishnagiri and Thiruppur with supporting staff.
- 70 candidates were selected by the TNPSC and appointed in various posts.

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Housing, Rural Housing, Town Planning projects and Housing Development, Accommodation Control, Urban Planning and Urban Development, Prohibition and Excise, Molasses

Hon'ble Minister for
Housing and Urban Development
Thiru. S.Muthusamy

Housing and Urban Development

Tamil Nadu Housing Board

- 5,843 Allotment orders and 8,454 Sale deeds have been issued in Tamil Language.
- 98 persons have been appointed on Compassionate grounds and 43 persons have been appointed through TNPSC.
- Under interest waiver scheme, 650 allottees have benefited for an amount of Rs.8.91 crore.
- Under First Come First Served basis scheme, 402 residential units have been sold at a cost of Rs.217.95 crore.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing)

- An amount of Rs.192.73 crore was waived under the One Time Settlement Scheme.

Directorate of Town and Country Planning

- The Office building of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, constructed at Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem and Erode districts at a total cost of Rs.33.87 crore were inaugurated.
- Regional plans are being prepared for 10 regions under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning.
- For the benefit of the public, the validity of planning permission period is extended from 5 to 8 years.
- For increasing the plan area from 7% to 22%, review of 111 master plans are taken up and new master plans have been prepared for 24 towns.
- A total of 8,555 applications for building permission have been received and 3,841 applications have been resolved since the commencement of the single window system. Also a total of 17,794 applications for residential layouts permission have been received on the website and 11,781 applications have been resolved.
- Under single window portal, planning permission issued for 448 industrial buildings for applications received from MSME / Guidance Bureau.
- Layout applications, Building applications and change of Land use Applications are received and scrutinised through Online.
- All India Council for Technical Education has accorded approval of Bachelor of Planning Course (B.Plan) for the academic year 2022-2023 and classes have been started in Anna University.
- Under the State Infrastructure and Amenities Fund, 50 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.2,915.54 crore, have been approved by the Government for execution by various departments.
- Creation of Urban Forest for an extent of more than one acre at Coimbatore, Erode, Madurai, Salem, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore.

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Co-operation

Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation
Thiru. KR.Periakaruppan

Co-operation

Jewel Loan waiver 2021

- The Government have waived Rs.6,000 crore (approximately) of general jewel loans upto 5 sovereigns (Gross weight upto 40 grams) availed from the Co-operative institutions and outstanding as on 31.03.2021.
- Waiver certificates have been issued to 13,12,717 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.4,818.88 crore besides returning their pledged jewels
- Out of the waiver amount released to co-operative institutions, Rs.1,215.58 crore has been released during the year 2021-2022, Rs.2,000 crore for the year 2022-2023 and Rs.1,000 crore for the year 2023-2024, thus totaling to Rs.4,215.58 crore has been released to the co-operative institutions.
- A sum of Rs.730 crore has been allocated in the BE 2024 – 25 for this purpose.

SHG Loan waiver 2021

- The Government have ordered for waiver of loans to women self-help groups which are outstanding as on 31.03.2021 in co-operative institutions to the

tune of Rs.2,755.99 crore. This will benefit 15,88,309 women members belonging to 1,17,617 women SHGs who are unable to pay back their loans due to normal life being hit by Covid-19 Pandemic.

- First instalment of Rs.600 crore was released to co-operative institutions during 2021-2022, second instalment amounting to Rs.600 crore released during 2022-2023. During the current year 2023-2024, Rs.600 crore has been released totaling to Rs.1,800 crore so far.
- The remaining amount will be settled during 2024-2025 after arriving the final claim.

Crop Loan

- To meet the credit requirement of the farmers and to relieve their indebtedness, the co-operatives in the State disburse interest free crop loan to the farmers who repay their crop loan on or before the due date. Crop loan to the extent of Rs.35,852.48 crore was disbursed to 46,72,849 farmers from 07.05.2021 to 31.12.2023.

Loans to Animal Husbandry and allied activities

- From the year 2021-2022 onwards, extending working capital loans to Animal Husbandry and allied activities has been brought under KCC scheme to enhance other sources of income for the farmers. Interest free loan is disbursed to the farmers who repay their loans promptly on or before the due date. Loans to the tune of Rs.3,233.92 crore has been disbursed to 6,52,110 farmers.

Loans to Self Help Groups

- Credit limit for Self Help Group loan has been enhanced from Rs.12 lakh to Rs.20 lakh. Loans to the tune of Rs.6,265.41 crore was disbursed to 1,25,167 Self Help Groups.

Loans to Widows and Destitute women

- Loans to the tune of Rs.35.35 crore was disbursed to 13,003 Widows and Destitute women at 5% interest rate.

Loans to Differently Abled

- With the aim to make differently abled people self-reliant and to foster financial independence, loans to the tune of Rs.151.66 crore has been given to 32,448 people.

Working Women and Women Entrepreneur loans

- To promote Social Justice and empower women, loans to the tune of Rs.331.13 crore has been disbursed to 11,906 working women and Rs.191.23 crore has been disbursed to 32,338 Women Entrepreneurs.

Transformation of PACCS as Multi Service Centres

- Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies are being transformed into Multi Service Centres with the financial assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) under Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF). 3,023

PACCS have been transformed as Multi Service Centres by completing 5,278 projects worth Rs.542.01 crore.

❖ The ‘Coop e-Vaadagai’ app has been developed to enable farmers to register and hire agricultural machineries and equipments on rent. These services can be availed of by registering at the website www.rcs.tn.gov.in. They can also hire Agricultural machineries and equipments from the co-operative societies in their area through the ‘Uzhavar’ app.

Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies

Marketing of Agricultural Produce

❖ Agricultural Commodities worth Rs.3,966.76 crore have been marketed by 115 Agricultural Producers co-operative Marketing Societies functioning in Tamil Nadu.

Linking of Consumer Co-operatives with Marketing

❖ Linking of Consumer Co-operatives with Marketing was made to the tune of Rs.429.59 crore by Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.

Produce Pledge Loan

❖ Produce Pledge Loan to the tune of Rs.444.71 crore have been issued by Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies.

Jewel Loan

❖ Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies have issued Jewel Loan of Rs.2,145.07 crore.

Total Business Turnover

❖ Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies have registered a business turnover to the tune of Rs.10,788.17 crore.

Creation of infrastructure facilities in APCMS

❖ Construction of roof for Auction yard in Rasipuram Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies at an estimated cost of Rs.150 lakh under NADP scheme has been completed on January 2023 and is in use.

- ❖ Construction of new Auction yard and laying of approach Bridge for Auction yard in Namakkal Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies at an estimated cost of Rs.95 lakh under NADP scheme and is in use from March 2022.

Special initiatives

- ❖ A State-wide generic mobile app have been developed to market all the products of the co-operatives was launched on 06.07.2023.

Formation of new APCMS

- ❖ For the benefit of farmer members, 3 new APCMS were formed in the year 2023-2024.

Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies

Crop Loan

- ❖ Crop Loans have been issued to the tune of Rs.691.39 crore by 39 Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies functioning in Tamil Nadu.

Medium Term Loan

- ❖ Rs.47.63 crore worth Medium Term Loan have been issued by Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies.

Jewel Loan

- ❖ Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies have issued Rs.353.49 crore worth Jewel Loan.

Sale of Controlled and Non Controlled Commodities

- ❖ Rs.31.42 crore worth controlled and Rs.20.46 crore worth Non controlled commodities have been marketed by Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies.

Sale of Agricultural Inputs

- ❖ Large Sized Multipurpose Co-operative Societies have sold Rs.35.27 crore worth Agricultural inputs.

Formation of new LAMPS

- ❖ For the welfare of tribals, 14 new lamps were formed in the year 2023-2024.

Formation of LAMPS Federation

- ❖ In order to plan the growth and development of Tribal people, to ensure higher earning, create employment opportunities, to improve

the sales of Minor Forest Produce and to coordinate the various activities of 39 LAMP Societies, a State Level LAMPS Co-operative Federation as Apex Federation was formed. This Federation was registered on 03.08.2022 and started functioning from 01.11.2022.

Kuruvai Special Package – 2023

- In order to ensure the livelihood of the farmers and farm labourers in the delta areas Kuruvai Special Package scheme has been introduced. Under this scheme, 11,148.41 MTs of Urea, 12,387.12 MTs of DAP and 6,193.56 MTs of MOP have been distributed to 2,34,875 farmers.

Waiving Educational Fees for students studying in two co-operative ITIs

- In order to provide free Industrial Education to the poor and needy students studying in two co-operative Industrial Training Institutes run by Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union, one at Burgur in Dharmapuri District and another one at Pattukottai in Thanjavur District, Government has given financial assistance of Rs.19.05 lakh, for the year 2021-2022 and Rs.19.45 lakh for the year 2022-2023.

Establishing a Co-operative Arts & Science College in Dindigul (CoEd)

- During the academic year 2022-2023 a new Co-operative Arts and Science College was started on 02.09.2022 and 263 students have been enrolled in 5 courses and for the academic year 2023-2024, 294 students have enrolled in 7 courses.

New District Co-operative Union

- New District Co-operative Union has been started in Mayladuthurai District and started functioning from 11.07.2023.

New Institute of Co-operative Management

- New Institute of Co-operative Management has been started in Ramanathapuram District and Started functioning from 2023-2024 education year.

Comprehensive Training Policy for Co-operative Sector

- Comprehensive Training Policy for Co-operative Sector has been approved by Registrar of Co-operative Societies on 23.08.2023.

Co-operative Pharmacies

- In 2021-2022 Budget session, it was announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation that 300 new pharmacies will be opened in the next five years by opening 60 pharmacies per year. Accordingly, on 16.12.2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 70 new Co-operative Pharmacies across the State with uniform colour and unique name boards. Through these co-operative pharmacies Rs.30.52 crore worth of drugs have been sold till 30.06.2024.
- At present, there are 380 Co-operative Pharmacies in Tamil Nadu which are functioning well with the objective of providing quality medicines to the public at affordable prices. Co-operative pharmacies

serve the common public by selling drugs at discount up to 20 percent. In the year 2023-2024 29,30,860 beneficiaries were benefited to the tune of Rs.24.98 crore as discount. The discount offered by co-operative pharmacies has forced the private pharmacies to give more discount to general public.

- In the year 2023-2024, medicines worth Rs.162.74 crore have been sold through 380 pharmacies run by co-operatives.

- In the year 2024-2025 up to 30th June 2024 medicines worth Rs.38.82 crore have been sold.

Centralized Procurement of Medicines

- Earlier medicines were being purchased by the institutions from local dealers of the pharmaceutical companies as a standalone activity. As a result the quantum of indent given by the institutions were fragmented, and the co-operative institutions had less bargaining power in getting better margin from the local dealers.

- To overcome the same, Centralized Procurement of Medicines has been started on 18.02.2022, wherein indents from the pharmacies are consolidated and orders placed directly to the pharmaceutical companies cutting down the intermediaries thus enabling additional margin to the co-operative institutions.

- This system has been implemented throughout the State. Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation functions as the Central Agency to Procure medicines centrally. Tamil Nadu Consumers Co-operative Federation Limited has entered into agreement with, 21 pharma companies.

- With the implementation of Centralized procurement of medicines, availability of branded medicines are ensured in all the 380 Co-operative Pharmacies.

- Upto 30.06.2024, Tamil Nadu Consumers Co-operative Federation has sold Medicines to the value of Rs.98.02 lakh through Centralized Procurement of Medicines.

Market Intervention Activities

- Consumer Co-operatives venture into Market intervention activities to control prices of essential commodities wherever required. When tomato price sky rocketed during the monsoon season in November 2021, Consumer Co-operatives took the market intervention activity and sold 150 MT of tomatoes and 1,100 MT of vegetables worth Rs.4 crore to consumers through Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets (including mobile FFCOS). This helped in checking the price of tomatoes in open market by bringing it down from Rs.120-150 per Kg to Rs.40-50 per Kg in a short span.

- In May and June 2022, due to heavy rain in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, arrival of Tomatoes had reduced and the price increased in open market. As a market intervention activity 89 MT of Tomatoes amounting to Rs.0.64 crore was sold.

- Due to South-West Monsoon in September 2022, arrival of Tomatoes from neighbouring States had reduced and the price increased. As a market intervention activity 37 MTs of Tomatoes amounting to Rs.0.13 crore were sold through 65 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets.

- In 2023, due to severe summer in July and August, the yield of tomato as well as the inflow of tomato from neighbouring states decreased and subsequently the price of tomato increased to Rs.160/kg. As a Market Intervention measure, 472 MT of tomato was procured and sold to the tune of Rs.3.35 crore through the 65 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets and Fair Price Shops run by the Co-operation Department.

- In 2023, November and December, price of onion in the open market increased due to reduced supply of onion from the neighboring States of Tami Nadu. In order to control the rise in the price of onion in the open market, as a market intervention measure, the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation (TANFED) procured 53 MT of onion from NAFED and sold it to the tune of Rs.0.16 crore at the rate of Rs.30/kg to the public.

Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

- Chief Minister's breakfast scheme has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.09.2022 to provide nutritious meal to Government Primary School Children studying from 1st to 5th std.

- During the year 2023-2024, commodities including 2366 MTs Double roasted Rava, 1,604 MTs Wheat Rava and 1,948 MTs Semiya to the value of Rs.35.65 crore have been supplied by Co-operatives Wholesale Stores to the Noon Meal Centres through SHG members to prepare nutritious Break Fast for 15,40,658 students studying in 28,397 Government Primary Schools. Now, the scheme has been extended to Government Aided Schools also.

Public Distribution System

- Corona relief assistance of Rs.4,000 per card was distributed in two installments in May and June 2021 to 2,08,24,176 rice cardholders.

- A kit containing 14 groceries has been distributed to 2,07,70,332 rice cardholders through Fair Price Shops as a Corona relief measure.

- In the year 2022, Pongal gift hampers containing 20 items and one full length sugarcane were distributed to 2,12,17,756 rice cardholders and to the families living in Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Camps.

- Palm Jaggery procured by Khadi and Village Industries Board is sold through the Fair Price Shops run by the Co-operative Societies. From October 2021 to June 2024, Rs.1.07 crore worth of Palm Jaggery has been sold through the Fair Price Shops.

- Minor Millets such as Ragi, Kambu, Thinai, Kuthiraivali, Saamai and Varagu are procured from the Farmers Producers' Organisations

(FPOs) and are sold through select Fair Price Shops/Retail Outlets run by Co-operatives/ Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore cities on a pilot basis. From June 2022 to June 2024, Rs.1.54 crore worth of Minor Millets have been sold through the Fair Price Shops.

- For ensuring Complete Quality Management, ISO certifications are being obtained for Co-operative Fair Price Shops. So far, ISO:9001 certification has been obtained for 10,046 Fair Price Shops and ISO:28000 certification has been obtained for 2,059 Fair Price Shops.

- Action is being taken to give face lift to Fair Price Shops across the state and as per the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, 4,657 Fair Price Shops have been given facelift so far.

- On the occasion of Pongal 2023, Pongal Gift Hamper consisting of 1 kg Raw rice, 1 kg Sugar, one whole sugarcane and Rs.1,000/- cash were distributed to 2,14,67,500 Rice cardholders and to the families living in Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Camps through Fair Price Shops.

- A total of 1,538 new fair price shops which include 523 full-time fair price shops and 1,015 part-time fair price shops have been opened from May 2021 to June 2024.

- The Construction of 496 new fair price shop buildings was carried out from May 2021 to June 2024 for 316 Full Time Fair Price Shops and 180 Part Time Fair Price Shops that were functioning in rental buildings.

- Considering the importance of Cashless transaction, steps were being taken to introduce Cashless Transaction using UPI System in Co-operative Fair Price Shops. So far, Cashless Transaction using UPI System has been introduced in 10,834 Fair Price Shops.

- Michaung Cyclone flood relief amount of Rs.6,000/- per family has been distributed to 23,18,200 of the families whose livelihood was affected by flood in Chennai, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur districts.

- In Southern districts, flood relief amount of Rs.6,000/- per family has been distributed to 6,36,970 of the families whose livelihood was affected by flood in the severely flood affected taluks of Tuticorin and Tirunelveli districts and Rs.1,000/- per family has been distributed to 13,38,269 of the families whose livelihood was affected by flood in the other less flood affected taluks of Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanniyakumari Districts.

- On the occasion of Pongal 2024, Pongal Gift Hamper consisting of 1 kg Raw rice, 1 kg Sugar, 1 Sugarcane and Rs.1,000/- Cash were distributed to 2,08,11,842 Rice cardholders and to the families living in Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Camps through Fair Price Shops.

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Rural Industries including Cottage Industries, Small Industries, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board

Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Thiru. T.M.Anbarasan

- Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme (AABCS) aims to promote economic development of aspiring SC/ST entrepreneurs by assisting in setting up of a new unit in manufacturing service and business venture as well as expansion of these business venture through credit linked subsidy scheme.
- During 2023-2024, under this scheme, 1,612 projects with subsidy component of Rs.187 crore have been offered final sanctions by financial institutions. An amount of Rs.82.89 crore has been disbursed towards individual based subsidy.
- Under Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, loans worth Rs.627.65 crore were issued to 10,548 beneficiaries and Rs.196.89 crore has been disbursed as subsidy. Tamil Nadu received award for the best performance in PMFME scheme.
- TNCGS platform which results in disbursement of loans worth Rs.4,679.38 crore, with TNCGS guarantee of Rs.431.18 crore was given to 31,761 MSMEs.
- Tamil Nadu proudly holds the second position in India with 21 lakh UDYAM registered MSMEs providing employment opportunities for approximately 1.57 crore individuals. The Government disbursed an amount of Rs.812.45 crore to 6,927 beneficiaries towards Capital Subsidy.

❖ Under New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS), 2,725 projects with subsidy component of Rs.437.62 crore have been offered final sanctions by financial institutions. An amount of Rs.302.72 crore has been disbursed towards individual based subsidy and Rs.26.80 crore has been disbursed towards 3 percent interest subvention.

❖ Under Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP), subsidies worth Rs.90.58 crore have been disbursed to 8,906 beneficiaries.

❖ Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, an amount of Rs.304.16 crore has been claimed towards margin money assistance to 12,310 beneficiaries.

❖ Under the State sponsored scheme for Micro Cluster Development Programme (MCDP), Rs. 50 crore has been allocated and approval was given for 20 Micro Clusters such as Cookware cluster in Tirunelveli District, artificial jewellery making cluster by Narrikuruvars in Kancheepuram District, Cashew Processing Cluster in Cuddalore District and toys cluster in Madurai District.

❖ Action is being taken to develop infrastructure facilities at Arignar Anna Co-operative Industrial Estate in Kittampalayam Village, Coimbatore District to an extent of 316.04 acre at a project cost of Rs.24.61 crore with Tamil Nadu Government grant assistance of Rs.10 crore.

❖ By considering COVID-19 pandemic situation, TANSIDCO has given time extension of six months for the payment of land cost, installment due and rent for its allottees.

❖ By considering COVID – 19 pandemic situation, the Government had issued an order for fast track allotment of plots and based on that 7 industrial plots were allotted to 4 medical oxygen cylinder and medical oxygen manufacturing units within a week from the date of application.

❖ As an Information Technology initiative, a single window portal (www.tnswp.com) has been developed to file and track all applications online. Out of 34,473 applications received on the portal, 32,388 applications have been disposed.

❖ To address the issue of delayed payments of MSMEs, TN TReDS platform is developed to enable MSMEs to obtain a faster bill discounting against Government and PSU procurement in the State. 98 PSUs have been onboarded on the TN TReDS platform along

with their 1,392 MSME vendors. Invoices of 817 MSMEs to the tune of Rs.1,692 crore have been discounted on the TReDS platform at very competitive interest rates.

- Tamil Nadu Coir Business Development Corporation with headquarters at Coimbatore was inaugurated and the Tamil Nadu Coir Policy 2024 has been released.
- TANSIDCO allotted 1,656 Industrial Plots and 36 Modules at a cost of Rs.485.08 crore to entrepreneurs.
- Tamil Nadu is maintaining first position in India in implementation of Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Program of the Union Government, for the establishment of Common Facility Centre. TANSIDCO completed 29 Common Facility Centre projects out of 45 projects sanctioned at a total project cost of Rs.163.59 crore, 16 new Common Facility Centre projects are under implementation at a cost of Rs.221.54 crore.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu approved the project for establishment of Mega Clusters such as Precision Engineering cluster at Industrial Estate Thirumudivakkam and Pharma Cluster at SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Tindivanam at a total project cost of Rs.202.63 crore.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 5 New Industrial Estates in 5 Districts on 27.06.2022 for MSMEs in 549 Industrial Plots with a total extent of 186.04 acre.
- In some of the Industrial Estates managed by TANSIDCO, 1,341 industrial plots (371 acre) were not sold due to high plot cost. In order to address the issue, as a new initiative, Government issued revised pricing policy, based on which plot cost in many

Industrial Estates have been reduced from 5 percent to 75 percent and 539 Industrial plots have been allotted.

- Based on the approval obtained from the Empowered Committee Meetings, orders have been issued for change of classification of 1,937.25 acres of Government Poramboke lands to Ryotwari Manai in 44 Industrial Estates. Accordingly, individual patta has been given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to 5 entrepreneurs from Guindy and Ambattur Industrial Estates. The Hon'ble Minister for MSME gave patta for 205 entrepreneurs in 9 Industrial Estates.
- Construction of workers hostel has been completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports at Ambattur SIDCO Industrial Estate, Chennai at a project cost of Rs.29.47 crore in 1.212 acre of land to accommodate 810 workers.
- Construction of workers hostel is under progress at SIDCO Industrial Estate, Kurichi, Coimbatore at a project cost of Rs.22 crore in 1.49 acres of land to accommodate 510 workers.
- Under the flagship Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Fund (TANSEED) scheme, so far 132 startups have been benefitted.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy in September 2023.
- Tamil Nadu was ranked as 'Best Performer' State on January 16, 2024 in the States' Startup Ranking 2022.
- StartupTN Regional Hubs were established in Madurai, Erode and Tirunelveli during the financial year 2022-2023 to encourage startups from all parts of the state. During 2023-2024, additional Regional Hubs have been established in Hosur, Salem, Thanjavur and Cuddalore.
- A helpline facility has been established to address doubts and provide information related to startups and entrepreneurship. Aspiring entrepreneurs can contact '155343' to receive information in both Tamil and English.
- The TANFUND Portal aimed at connecting startups with investors, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of

Tamil Nadu during the valedictory event of the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024. More than 230 investors and over 3,389 entrepreneurs have registered on this platform.

- MentorTN is a portal designed to connect startups with experienced professionals from various sectors who are willing to share their expertise. More than 256 experts have joined as mentors, while 656 startups have registered on the platform. Additionally, the portal has facilitated over 165 hours of mentoring sessions.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has launched the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund in 2022, the first by any State Government in the country, to make equity investments in innovative Startups by entrepreneurs from the SC and ST communities. So far the Government has sanctioned Rs.43.65 crore to 30 Startups helping the Startups to gain market access and scale up their ventures.

- StartupTN participated in GITEX NorthStar 2023, the annual Tech and Startup Extravaganza, in Dubai. StartupTN took 32 innovative Startups from Tamil Nadu to help them get international exposure as part of the Beyond TN initiatives of StartupTN.

- The training under Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) for the self-employment schemes viz., support career advancement for the younger generation. 7,025 members have participated in Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps. 6,722 entrepreneurs have been trained under the online EDP programme. The first batch of offline AABCS training had been done this year with 146 entrepreneurs.

- Under the Vaazhndhu Kaatuvom Project (VKP), so far Entrepreneurship Development training is given to 2,171 Women Self Help Group members.

- EDII-TN has been implementing the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (IEDP) with the aim of creating a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among higher education students. This year, EDII-TN has partnered with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to scale up its operations, under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme.

- Low Tension Power Tariff (LTPT) Subsidy of Rs.20.97 crore have been disbursed to 2,346 MSMEs.

- To encourage formal employment in the MSME sector, Payroll subsidy of Rs.2.86 crore has been disbursed to 132 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

- Back-ended interest subsidy of Rs.8.59 crore have been disbursed to 2024 enterprises.

- A sum of Rs.6.96 crore has been disbursed to 715 MSMEs under Promotion of Energy Audit and Conservation of Energy (PEACE) scheme.

- A sum of Rs.4.90 crore has been disbursed to 516 MSMEs towards acquiring Quality Certifications.

- A sum of Rs.135.08 lakh have been disbursed to 6 SMEs for the expenses incurred for fund Raising from capital markets.

- A sum of Rs.28.50 lakh have been reimbursed to 104 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises towards Patent and Trade Mark registration.

- 170 Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils (MSEFC) sittings were conducted and an amount of Rs.366.99 crore has been realized by 1,956 Micro and Small Enterprises.

- Silver anklet cluster at Ariya Goundapatti, Salem in 1.20 acre land at a project cost of Rs.25 crore for construction of Multi-storied Industrial Complex for the benefit of silver anklet manufacturing units.

❖ "Online e-Commerce Portal" was launched for easy access of TANSI products by common people.

❖ Under RIDF Phase I, Modernization of 5 Industrial Co-operative Tea factories at the Nilgiris District for an amount of Rs.17.68 crore.

❖ Under RIDF Phase II, Modernization of 10 Industrial Co-operative Tea factories at the Nilgiris District for an amount of Rs.50.06 crore have been sanctioned and the civil works are under progress.

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board

❖ Sanction from the Union Government has been obtained to construct 73,127 houses at a cost of Rs.2,204.89 crore and 1,70,502 houses have been completed on BLC mode.

❖ Construction of 34,111 tenements have been completed and the construction of 69,199 tenements are in progress at a total cost of Rs.7,030.83 crore.

❖ The programme to construct 2,745 Resilient Sustainable tenements has commenced and is in progress with the Asian Development Bank assistance for the urban poor families living on the banks of water ways outside Chennai. Tender called for 520 tenements on 02.03.2024 and tender received on 13.06.2024 and tender evaluation is in progress.

❖ As part of the programme of reconstruction of dilapidated tenements, the demolition of 7,582 dilapidated tenements have been completed and reconstruction of 9,522 tenements are in progress. The project to enhance structural stability and longevity of the tenements has been completed.

❖ Repair and Renewal works is being carried out for 76,434 tenements of 117 schemes at a cost of Rs.59.80 crore.

❖ The Allotment orders has been issued for 41,878 tenements.

❖ Sale deeds were issued for 3,047 tenements and 1,773 developed plots.

❖ As part of Community Development, Skill Training imparted to 7,633 persons in various trades.

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Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity

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Tamil Development Department

Directorate of Tamil Development

Awards

- The Directorate of Tamil Development was established in 1971 by Muthamizharinar Kalainar. In order to recognize and honour the Tamil scholars/ highbrows who are contributing to Tamil, various awards like Thiruvalluvar Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Pavender Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thenral Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award, Muthamizh Kavalar Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham Award are being presented annually on the 2nd day of Thai -Thiruvalluvar Day by the Directorate. As per the order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu the amount given to the awardees has been enhanced from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/- (Rs. One lakh

to Two lakh) and a sum of Rs.59.75 lakh has been disbursed to 21 scholars in the last three years.

- Cash prizes for Kapilar Award, Kambar Award, U.V.S.A. Award, Sollin Selvar Award, Gi.U. Pope Award, Umarupulavar Award, Ilangovadigal Award, Chief Minister Computer Tamil Award, Amma Literary Award, Karaikal Ammaiyar Award, Best Translator Award (10), Sinthanai Sirpi Singaravelar Award, Ayodhithasa Pandithar Award, Maraimalai Adikalar Award, Aruthperunjothi Vallalar Award, Tamil Thanthai Ci.Ba. Aathithanar Monthly Award, Literary Award, Grammar Award and Linguistic Award presented annually by the World Tamil Association have been enhanced from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh to Rupees Two lakh) as per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.1,46,06,000/- (Rupees one crore forty six lakh and six thousand only) has been disbursed to 56 scholars in the last three years.

- An amount of Rs.22,80,000/- (Rs.Twenty two lakh and eighty thousand) has been allotted for the presentation of Tamil Chemmal awards to 76 scholars in all 38 districts for the development of Tamil.

- The TamilThai Award is being presented annually to the organizations that establish Tamil organizations in Tamil Nadu, other states of India and abroad. An amount of Rs.12 lakh has been sanctioned in three years.

- As the excellence of the Dravidian model ruling 254 awardees in 35 different categories were honoured in the last three years.

Special Award

- An amount of Rs.18.60 lakh was disbursed for Mahakavi Bharathi Memorial Centenary Award in the year 2021 as a Special Award, on the occasion of the Mahakavi Bharathi Centenary year for 6 scholars who made researches on Mahakavi Bharathiyar's life and works.

New Awards

- On the occasion of the 97th birthday of the Muthamizharingar Kalaignar, 03.06.2021, our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that an award named "Ilakkiya Mamani" would be given annually, for three Tamil scholars who enrich Tamil literature. Each awardee receives a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh and a gold medal worth one sovereign. During the year 2023, in commemoration of the centenary of the Former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, additionally three scholars were selected for this special award, which results in a total of 12 scholars receiving the award over three years, with a total allocation of Rs.61.30 lakh.

- On the Occasion of the 150th birth Anniversary of the Freedom fighter V. O. Chidambaram, a new award had been established in his name for the first time and it was awarded to Thiru. Ennarsu Karunesan with a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh.

- The "Thakaisal Thamizhar Award" established in the year 2021 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, was presented to Thiru. Na

Sankaraiah, Thiru. Ira Nallakannu, and Thiru. K. Veeramani. A Government Order has been issued to present this award by the Tamil Development Department from the year 2024, which was previously awarded through the Public Department, along with financial sanction of Rs.10 lakh. For the year 2024, this award will be presented to the esteemed literary scholar Ilakiya Selvar Thiru. Kumari Anandan on Independence Day.

Implementation of Official Language Scheme

- Annual Training classes regarding the History of the Official language, Act, Government Orders regarding the implementation of official language and addressing the hurdles in the implementation of the official language scheme and usage of Tamil Unicode font in computersare being conducted by a group of Tamil scholars for Government employees enabling them to use Tamil language absolutely in Government offices. An amount of Rs.84,30,000/- has been provided in three years to conduct the annual training classes and official language seminars in all districts.

- The Official Language Act Week is being conducted annually in all districts for a period of one week to commemorate the day 27.12.1956, when the Tamil Official Language Act was enacted. Official Language Act Week is organized every year from 21 to 27 of December in every district to commemorate, enforce and create awareness about Tamil Official Language Act. An amount of Rs.1,14,00,000/- has been allocated for this purpose over three years, with an annual expenditure of Rs.38,00,000/- per district.

Nationalization of Books

- The works of Tamil scholars are being nationalized by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the noble aim of making the works of Tamil scholars reach out all people across the world. Accordingly, in the past three years, the books of 22 scholars have been nationalized, and an amount of Rs.2,85,00,000/- was granted as royalty amount.

Prize for the best Tamil books

- Prizes are awarded to authors who have contributed excellent written works and publishers who publish them, to encourage the publication of outstanding books in Tamil language, and cash prize of Rs.30,000/- is being awarded annually to the writers for the best work in 33 categories, and Rs.10,000/- to the publishers publishing these works. For the past three years, cash prize of Rs.39,60,000/- has been awarded to 137 writers, and Rs.13,20,000/- to 132 publishers.

Dream House

- On the occasion of the 97th birth anniversary of Muthamilzh Arignar Kalaignar, the ‘Dream Home Scheme’ was announced by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. As per this announcement, Dream house has been allocated to the awardees who have received/ will receive any of the awards including Sahitya Academy Award, Jnanpith Award, Tholkappiyar Award of Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award (only for Tamil Nadu) and Nobel Prize (for Tamil language and Tamil Literature only).
- For the financial year 2021-2022, dream houses worth Rs.10,56,19,000/- have been awarded to 9 recipients. For the financial year 2022-2023, dream houses valued at Rs.11,75,18,000/- have been allotted to 8 recipients.

Welfare schemes for students

Thirukkural Prize

- The ceiling of rendering cash prize to 70 students alone for reciting Thirukkural every year was removed. In the last three years, the cash prize has been enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/- for 451 students reciting Thirukkural. The cash prize given to the students of Rs.63,47,000.

Competitions

- Elocution competitions for college and school students at the District level are conducted every year on the Birth Anniversaries of the leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Annal Ambedkar, Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar who strove hard for our nation, in order to make the younger generation aware of the views and social thoughts of these leaders and Prizes and Certificates of Appreciation are distributed to the students. In the lawst three years, Rs.1,90,40,000/- has been allocated for conducting competitions and awarding prizes.
- It has been ordered to conduct an aptitude test in the Tamil subject of 10th-grade for the students studying 11th-grade to enhance Tamil literature skills among school students. An incentive amount of Rs.1,500/- per month for

22 months is being disbursed to 1,500 students selected amount them. In the last three years, Rs.8,78,50,000/- has been allocated for conducting examinations and disbursing incentives for this scheme.

❖ An amount of Rs.5,00,00,000/- has been allocated to 100 colleges, with a deposit amount of Rs.5,00,000/- per college to promote the affinity with Tamil among college students. This funding is intended to establish new Muthamizarignar Kalaignar Tamil Forums in Government Colleges of Arts and Science, Engineering Colleges, and Medical Colleges, as well as to conduct annual Tamil competitions among students.

❖ Poet Tamil Oli, a descendant of Bharatiyar and a student of Bharathidasan, composed poetry. In addition to poetry, he also composed numerous stories, essays, literary reviews, stage plays, and children's songs. His poems are unique. In Commemoration of the birth centenary of poet Tamil Oli, who passed away at the age of 41, a deposit fund of Rs.50,00,000/- has been allocated to foster Tamil interest among the school students. It has been ordered to conduct annual poetry recitation and elocution competitions in each district, from the selected works of Poet Tamil Oli. The inaugural event took place in Cuddalore for the first time on 27.07.2024, with an expenditure of Rs.3,25,000/- and 247 students participated in the competitions and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Financial Assistance

❖ A lifetime financial assistance is being provided monthly to Aged Tamil scholars, border Saviours, Tamil scholars, and their heirs. For the last three years, financial assistance have been awarded to a total of 447 persons, including 300 Aged Tamil scholars, 1 Border Saviour, 1 Tamil scholar, 48 legal heirs of Border Saviours, and 97 heirs of Tamil Scholars.

Bus travel concession

❖ For the last three years, an amount of

Rs.1,44,09,000/- has been allocated to provide free bus travel concessions for 691 Aged Tamil scholars.

Trainings

- Scholars from various fields are invited for a one-week Youth Literary Training workshop and a Literary Quiz Competition is being conducted for the students participating in this training, for the benefit of the college students,. In this manner, the training for the year 2022-2023 was conducted under the leadership of Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Minister for Industries, Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, Archeology, and the training for the year 2023-2024 was conducted under the leadership of Thiru.M.P.Saminathan, Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity A total amount of Rs.40,60,000/- was granted for this purpose.

- A new Youth Literary Training Workshop has been launched in the year 2023 for the benefit of college students in all districts. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.38 lakh has been granted to 38 districts at the rate of Rs.One lakh per district.

- The Tamil Forums in 6,218 Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools across Tamil Nadu have been upgraded and renamed as Muthamizharingar Kalaignar Tamil Forum and three Tamil Koodal programs are being conducted every year. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.11,19,24,000/- has been granted at the rate of Rs. 9,000/- per school.

- An amount of Rs.31,10,000/- have been sanctioned to conduct a 3 days training on Life Guidance training for 200 students with 24 scholars on the topic "It is possible with Tamil" for students studying Tamil literature and other subjects in Tamil medium in colleges and universities across Tamil Nadu and the same was conducted in the year 2022 and 2023.

Literary festivals / Meetings

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced that 18th July, on which our state was named as "Tamil Nadu" by Perarignar Anna will be celebrated as 'Tamil Nadu Day' every year. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu participated in the program held for the year 2022 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai through video conference and addressed the occasion. Programs for the year 2023 were conducted at Presidency College, Chennai and for the year 2024 at Kancheepuram, the birth place of Perarignar Anna, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development Information and Publicity.

- As part of the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations, scholars were invited to conduct seminars. Further, prizes worth Rs.28,55,000/- were distributed to school students who won Essay writing and Elocution competitions held at the District / State level in all 38 districts on the occassion of the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations. An amount of Rs.85,65,000/- has been granted so far.

- On the Birth Anniversaries of Tamil scholars and writers, literary meetings were held in 19 districts in the last three years in collaboration with local literary organizations at an expenditure of Rs.23,75,000/-.

Financial assistance to other States / Foreign countries

- An amount of Rs.4 crore has been granted by the Government of Tamil Nadu as financial assistance to establish a Tamil Chair in the University of Houston in USA.

- An amount of Rs.1.25 crore was granted for the seamless functioning of the Tamil Department at Cologne University in Germany.

- In order to establish a separate Department of 'Tamil Literature' at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, an amount of Rs.5 crore was granted in the year 2022 and Rs.38,99,896/- in the year 2024.

- An amount of Rs.75 lakh was granted for the renovation of building in Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam.

- An amount of Rs.15 lakh was granted for the building expansion works in Bhubaneswar Tamil Sangam functioning in the State of Orissa.

Other works

- Hon'ble Chief Minister disbursed an amount of Rs.76 lakh to the 76 Border Saviours at the rate of Rs.One lakh as a special assistance on 01.11.2021.

- An amount of Rs.25 lakh was awarded to Tamil Virtual Academy to conduct Classical Tamil Programmes in the name of Theera Kathal Thirukkural. Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology inaugurated an online Drawing Competition under the title of Kuraloviyam in Universal Tamil scripture of Tirukkural through Tamil Virtual Academy as a first instance on 22.12.2021. Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed prizes to the winning students on 15.01.2022. Further, 365 paintings were selected among the paintings submitted for the painting competition and the prepared Thirukkural calendar was also published.

- The Tamil Propaganda organisation which was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in order to implement through Tamil Virtual Academy is being implemented with the Tamil Virtual Academy. Works such as Promotion of culture and tradition of Tamil language, development of audio-video textbooks with pronunciation, provision of facilities for learning Tamil, online teaching with the help of Tamil teachers, providing financial support to Tamil teaching organization in foreign and other states, sending trained teachers to teach Tamil have been carried out with an amount of Rs.One crore allocated for the financial year 2022-2023.

- Uploading subjects as per computer and cell phone usage, Development of audio book, Development of videos, online multimedia training, audio-video text book with pronunciation, creating app for learning management, providing financial assistance to tamil teaching organisation, providing

training on art-culture and traditional music etc., to be carried out with an amount of Rs.One crore allocated for the financial year 2023-2024.

- An amount of Rs.15 lakh was provided for the Publication of Anthology of Sangam literary works with paintings.
- An amount of Rs.10.40 lakh was sanctioned to Tamil Virtual Academy to upload the rare audio/video lectures of famous leader and Tamil Scholars.
- An amount of Rs.10 lakh to Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation and an amount of Rs.10 lakh to International Institute of Tamil Studies was sanctioned to publish the compiled edition of Sangam literary texts with due syllabification. In phase I, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released Pathu Pattu on 06.01.2023 and Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development department released Kurundhogai, Pathitrupathu and iraiyanar's akapporul books on 18.01.2024.
- An amount of Rs.29.05 lakh was granted to publish printed and e-book edition of Thanthai Periyar's thoughts –Volume -21 in Indian and global languages through Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation. As a first phase, the books translated in 10 languages has been released by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development department on 18.01.2024.
- An amount of Rs.13.40 lakh has been sanctioned for setting up libraries at Paris International Institute of Higher Studies and Germany Moonsen Tamil Sangam.
- An amount of Rs.51 lakh has been sanctioned to translate and publish the first ten volumes of Annal Ambedkar's works into Tamil.
- An amount of Rs.5,00,000/- has been sanctioned for the 21st Tamil internet Conference organized jointly by Tamil University, Uthamm Institute and Periyar Maniyammai Science and Technology Institute in the Campus of Tamil University, Tanjore from 15.12.2022 to 17.12.2022 .
- On the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Muthamizh Arignar, a special financial scholarship/grant of Rs. 10,000 was granted to each of the 275 Tamil scholars residing in Tamilnadu. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department on 31.01.2024 at Chengapally, Tiruppur District and Rs.27,50,000 was sanctioned as One time Special scholarship/grant to 275 Tamil Scholars.
- In honour of the contribution of the language martyrs M/s. Thalamuthu and Natarasan who lost their lives in the anti-Hindi agitation to protect Mother Tamil an amount of Rs.34.30 lakh has been sanctioned to renovate and beautify the existing memorial hall in Moolakotthalam. The works are in progress.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the memorial pillar which was erected at an estimated cost of Rs.23.26 lakh with an extent of 276.75 sq.ft in memory of

Great Sangam Poet Kaniyan Poongundranar at Mahibalanpatti, Thirupathur Taluk, Sivagangai District through video conferencing on 22.01.2024.

- A bust of Poet Tamil oli was erected on the occasion of his centenary at Tamil University, Tanjore at a cost of Rs.7.63 lakh and it was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27.02.2024 through video conferencing.
- A memorial pillar erected at an estimated cost of Rs.13.24 lakh in memory of great Sangam poet Kapilar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department on 07.03.2024 through video Conferencing at Thirukovilur, Kallakurichi District.
- In the last three years 3 Superintendents of Tamil Development Department have been promoted as Assistant Directors and 8 Assistant Directors have been promoted as Deputy Directors.
- It has been ordered to fill up the vacancies of 13 Assistant Directors by conducting recruitment exams by Tamil nadu Public Service Commission in a direct recruitment in Tamil Development Department.

Administrative Reforms

- In the Department of Tamil Development, two zones namely Salem zone and Tirunelveli zone are currently functioning. For administrative convenience, steps have been taken to divide into six more zones under the control of Deputy Directors.

QR Code:

- Steps are being taken up to develop QR codes for these 12 statues which are being paid floral tribute by garlanding the statues by Tamil Development Department such as Thiruvalluvar (Marina and Valluvar Kottam) (Thai 2), U.Ve.Sa (February 19), Avvaiyar (March 8), Kambar (March 24), Ilangovadigal (April 24), Robert Caldwell (May 7), Maraimalai adigal (July 15), Thiru. Vi.Ka (August 26), Tholkapiyar (Chennai and Kanyakumari) (Full moon day of Chithirai), Tamil Thai (Daily evening and once in 15 days) Everyday.

Science Tamil Forum

- Actions are being taken to revive the Science Tamil Forum which was establish by the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Muthamizharignar Kalaignar and was functioning till 2011.

Central Institute of Classical Tamil Studies

- In 2004, Tamil was declared as the classical language in India due to the great efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- In 2008 Central Institute of Classical Tamil Studies was established as an autonomous organization in Chennai and 16.586 acres of land valued at Rs.42.66 crore was allocated on 05.11.2007 by former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar and Rs.1.45 crore was given for leveling the land.
- Hon'ble Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaignar established the Charity

from his own fund on 24.07.2008 and it was announced that Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award will be presented every year on his birthday, June 3. The award was not given for ten years from 2010 to 2019. After assuming office in 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu declared awards for 10-year to Dr. V.S. Rajam, Prof. Pon. Kothandaraman, Prof. E. Sundaramurthy, Prof. P. Maruthanayakam, Prof. Mohanarasu, Prof. Maraimalai Lakkuvanar, Prof. K. Rajan, Prof. Ullrich Nicholas, Kavignar Erode Tamilanban and Prof. K. Sivamani. Except Dr. V.S. Rajam and Prof. Ullrich Niklaus others were awarded on 22.01.2022. Following this, awards are given annually.

- ❖ Dr. M.Rajendran, Dr. K.Nedunchezhiyan, and Dr. Jean Louis, a researcher from France were selected for the year 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the award to Dr. M.Rajendran and Dr. K.Nedunchezhiyan on 22.08.2022.
- ❖ Award for the year 2023 was presented to Thiru. K.Ramasamy by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 05.09.2023.
- ❖ This award was presented at a cost of Rs.1,50,00,000/- to 15 scholars in the last three years.
- ❖ The road where the Classical Tamil Research Center is located has been renamed as Semmozhi Salai by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project

- ❖ A Glossary for Government Offices has been upgraded on par with current scenario and published by the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project inaugurated by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar at 1974 to preserve the vocabulary of the Great Tamil Language.
- ❖ Hand Books for Technical Terminology for the 48 (Forty Eight) Government Departments at Tamil Nadu has been published and distributed to the respective offices.
- ❖ Revised edition of Tamil Etymological lexicons in Seven volumes prepared by upgrading the thirty one volumes of Tamil Etymological Lexicons on par with current scenario, and Dictionary on Medical Terminologies, a Micro app called 'Tamilpesi' with the multi lingual dictionary to benefit other language people has been released by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department in the 'Tamil Lexicography Day Function'

Sorkuvai Website

- ❖ 15,32,717 words including the words compiled from various dictionaries viz., the lexicon of the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project, Madras University Dictionary, Technical Glossary of Tamil Virtual Academy and the Glossary of Tamil Nadu Government have been uploaded till July 2024 in the 'Sorkuvai' website (sorkuvai.tn.gov.in / sorkuvai.com) designed

exclusively for the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project.

Tamil Kalaikazhagam

- In the past three years 68 (Sixty eight) meetings have been held by organizing two meetings per month and the expert committee has approved 16,935 technical terms and those terms have been provided for the usage of public through 'Sorkuvai' website.

Indo-European Root words Comparitive Dictionary

- An order has been issued to create and publish an Indo-European Root words comparitive dictionary through Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation. Accordingly, An amount of Rs.5,47,20,000/- has been provided and works are in progress.

Tamil Lexicography Day Function

- Birth Anniversary of Veeramunivar hailed as the 'Father of Tamil Lexicography' was celebrated as "Tamil Lexicography Day Function" every year on 08th November.

- An amount of Rs.15,000/- is being granted to provide Rs.5,000/- to each of the three Tamil activists who speaks Pure Tamil. An amount of Rs.45,000/- has been provided for 9 Tamil Scholars in the past three years.

- An amount of Rs.90,000/- has been provided to 12 (twelve) students in the past three years to award first Prize of Rs.10,000/-, Second Prize of Rs.5,000 to the school students who won in the District level Drawing Competition and Creating Technical Terms competition.

Awards

- An award called 'Devaneya Pavanar Award' with cash prize of Rs.2 lakh and one sovereign Gold medal is being presented to an eligible domestic Lexicography scholar who is rendering best contribution in the field of Lexicography. An amount of Rs.7,50,000/- has been provided to three scholars in the past three years.

- An award called 'Veerama Munivar Award' with cash prize of Rs.2 lakh and one sovereign Gold medal is being presented to a Foreign or Domestic / Local Lexicography scholar who has created literatures (Sitrilakkiyangal) and Translation works by following the principle and the writing style of Veeramamunivar and also excelled in the field of Tamil Lexicography and has released Tamil Dictionaries. In the past three years, an amount of Rs.2,50,000/- has been presented to one such scholar.

- As an act of encouragement, printing media and visual media that publish news in pure Tamil are honored with the 'Pure Tamil Media Award,' (Thooya Tamil Oodagam Award) which includes a cash prize of Rs.50,000 and a gold medal worth Rs.25,000. Over the past three years, a total of Rs.2,25,000 has been provided to two recipients from printing media and one from visual media.

- To encourage poets who compose poetry using pure Tamil words, "Natramizh Pavalar Award", which includes cash prize of Rs.50,000 and a gold medal worth Rs.25,000, is awarded to two poets, one in the traditional

poetry category and one in the modern poetry (Puthukavithai) category. An amount of Rs.4,50,000/- has been awarded for six scholars in the last three years.

- To encourage a person who speaks pure Tamil in his / her routine life 'Thooya Tamil Patralar Award' is awarded to one individual per district, with a cash prize of Rs.20,000. Over the past three years, 69 recipients have received a total amount of Rs.13,80,000.

Solvayal – Monthly e-magazine

- The 'Solvayal' e-magazine, which includes lexicographical and linguistic articles, research works / commentaries of foreign and domestic scholars, neologisms and current events has published 50 issues of its own as of July 2024.

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Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training Program

- The Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training Program aims to enhance neologism skills and to promote a strong affinity to pure Tamil among college students. Over the past three years, an amount of Rs.6,13,800/- has been awarded to 600 students who have been selected and trained by scholars to develop their ability to coin new Tamil terminologies for various disciplines.

International Institute of Tamil Studies

- According to the opinion of Perarignar Anna that an exclusive Institute should be started for Tamil Higher studies like the French Academy, International Institute of Tamil Studies was started by the Former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the year of 1970. An amount of Rs.12,67,23,000/- has been given as grant for salary, project works and pension in the last three years.

- The First book of Muththamizh Arignar Translation project, "A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South Indian Family of Languages" written by the foreign scholar Dr. Robert Caldwell was Translated by Professor Pa.Ra. Subramanian into Tamil and printed by International Institute of Tamil Studies and Tamil Nadu Text Book Educational Services Corporation and released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.02.2022.

- As per the Order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Books such as Comics book for children to learn about Bharathi's life, Coloring books of the renowned artiest of Tamil Nadu by selecting the best hundred poems of Bharathiyar and English translation of Bharathiyar's works and important research books on Bharathiyar were published.

- A Thirukkural painting competition was held and an amount of Rs. 6 lakh was awarded for distributing the Prize amount of Rs.40,000/- to each of the 15 winning artists and an amount of Rs.4 lakh was awarded for exhibiting their paintings. Totally an amount of Rs.10 lakh was provided for this purpose.

- The Ancient Greek Epics of Omar's 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey' were translated into Tamil at a Financial Grant of Rs.9.10 lakh and released by the Hon'ble Minister of Tamil Development, Information and Publicity on 12.07.2023.

- As per the Order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, The Research library of the International Institute of Tamil Studies has been computerized and upgraded at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- An amount of Rs. 2.95 lakh has been provided for "Linguistics Nuance Training" for Tamil Teachers of Greater Chennai Corporation's Primary and Middle School.

- Selected books in Ancient Tamil Literature, Modern Literature and Children Literature were converted into audio books and released at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.

- In order to felicitated the centenary of poet Tamil Oli, as per the instructions of the Hon'ble Minister of Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department, an International Conference on the Poet Tamil Oli Centenary was held in International Institute of Tamil Studies under the subject of 'Kavignar Tamil Oli Padaippu Veli' and a collection of articles by 35 essayists was released as a book.

- The practice of appointing a professor as the Director of the International Institute of Tamil Studies was started by Perarignar Anna and was followed during the period of Muththamizharignar Kalaignar. After that the practice was not followed. At Present, our Government is taking steps to fill up the post of director again at the professor level.

World Tamil Sangam

- A grant of Rs.3,62,12,000 has been given in the last three years to carry out the work of the World Tamil Sangam, which was started in 1986 to unite the world's Tamils and Tamil organizations.

- From Sangam era literature to modern literature, the gathering of Tamil scholars is being held weekly under the name of 'Tamilkoodal'. In the last three years, 65 Tamilkoodal events have been held at a cost of Rs.8,13,000.

- To enrich the Tamil language Tamil books are being launched every month. In the last three years, 16 book launch events have been conducted at a cost of Rs.1,28,000/- and 81 books have been launched.

- The World Tamil Sangam organizing international seminars in association with Tamil organizations. In this way, an international seminar on 'Works of Singapore Tamil scholar M. Thangarasan' was held in association with the Kurinji Tamil culture research Center and an international seminar on 'Lifestyle of Tamils Diaspora' was held in association with the World Tamil Women's Forum.

- Two national seminars have also been conducted. A National seminar on 'Sentamilum Cheranadum' was held in collaboration with the Tamil Sangam, Thiruvananthapuram and a national seminar on 'Vanavil K.Ravi's creations - A Multidimensional View' was organized in collaboration with the Kerala Tamil Cultural Research Forum.

- Five Endowments have been established in the World Tamil Sangam. 5 lectures have been conducted on behalf of these Endowments in the last three years.

- More than 350 magazines and more than 1,200 foreign Tamil books received from diaspora Tamils in the last three years have been documented in the World Tamil Sangam Library in a separate section of 'Foreign Tamil Book Park'.

- An air-conditioned library with over 30,000 books and a seating capacity of 200 people is functioning in the World Tamil Sangam. Rs.21 lakh have been provided for the renovation of the library.

- 119 foreign Tamil Associations, 26 Tamil Associations from other states and 145 Tamil Associations of Tamil Nadu, totally 290 Tamil organizations have joined the World Tamil Sangam in the last three years.

- In order to highlight the literary and grammatical richness of the Tamil language, a 15-days free training course 'Let's Know Literature, Grammar' was conducted with the participation of 100 persons.

- On behalf of the World Tamil Sangam, 7 books have been published in three years, including 'Makkaltilagam- Multi-dimentional approach', 'Lifestyle of Tamils Diaspora', 'Ponmanach Semmal - A Multi-dimentional View', 'SenTamilum Cheranadum', 'Paarengum Bharathi' (Bharathi across the globe), 'Contribution of Tamil Film Industry for societal developmental change'.

- The work of renovating the Sangam Art Gallery, functioning under the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai has been undertaken at a cost of Rs.12.50 lakh.

- Special lectures are being conducted every month to make people aware of Ancient Tamil art Gallery. A workshop on painting was conducted for school students and to felicitate them certificates are distributed.

Tamil University, Thanjavur

Consolidated Grant

- Tamil University, which was established in the year 1981, on the 15th of September, the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, at Thanjavur, the Granary of Tamil Nadu an amount of Rs.115,05,99,000 have been presented as Consolidated grant during last three years for the payment of wages to the teaching and non-teaching staff working in Tamil University and also to provide pension benefits to the pensioners.

Students admission

- 249 students have been enrolled in Doctoral degree program, 45 students in Master of Philosophy degree program, 450 students

in Master degree program, 326 students in Integrated Master Degree Program, 282 students in Bachelor of Education Degree Program and 4 students in Master of Philosophy in Education degree program since last three years.

Scholarship for Students

- An amount of Rs. 88,70,000 have been sanctioned for providing scholarship of Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) every month to 20 students studying Post Graduate course of Tamil Literature and 25 students studying Five Year Integrated Tamil Literature courses for the past three years.

Tamil Cultural Center

- The Tamil Cultural Centre has been set up in order to preserve and spread the Tamil Culture all over the world and through it about 3,563 students have been enrolled and studying through MoUs with 30 institutions of abroad and local in the last three years for conducting grade wise classes in music, dance and traditional Arts.

Tamil Development Centre

- The Tamil Development Centre has been set up to promote and protect the Tamil language worldwide. During last three years, 10 institutions have signed MoUs with local and foreign institutions for conducting undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma and certificate courses through this Centre and around 780 students have been enrolled.

Projects Carried out by Tamil University

V.O. Chidambaranar online - Seminar

- A webminar on V.O. Chidambaranar was held for 30 days through Tamil University at a cost of Rs.2,00,000/-.

Translation of Tamil literature into world languages

- An amount of Rs.12 lakh has been provided for translating Sangathamizh Book of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in French and German.

Documenting the Traditions of Tamil land

- An Administrative sanction of Rs. 2.11 crore has been allocated and an amount of Rs. 91,33,500/- has been provided to carry out the project works for Tamil cultural traditions, reviving traditional art forms of Tamils, establishing Folklore Museum, conducting studies on Tamil art and culture as depicted in the inscriptions, imparting training to handicraft makers for three years.

Securing National Assessment and Accreditation points for Tamil University

- An amount of Rs.1.50 crore has been sanctioned to secure grade points after the Re-assessment of National Assessment and Accreditation council , a total of Rs.2 crore has been provided for building development works, office building, library building, Koothukalari campus and special maintenance works for ‘த’ and ‘நா’ shaped buildings and Rs.50 lakh for carrying out research works.

Yoga Training Centre

- Yoga Training Centre has been established at Tamil University and Rs.1,50,000/- has been provided for giving yoga training to Government Schools, Government School for the Differently abled, Teaching professionals of Tamil University, Employees and approximately to 400 students through this centre.

New Buildings

- The Great king Rajaraja Cholan's Multi-Speciality Hall, Indoor stadium, Additional Ladies hostel, First floor of gents old hostel and 'Kuraloviyam' - Audio-Video recording Hall have been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.5,03,57,000/- (Rupees five crore three lakh and fifty seven thousand only) at Tamil University and was inaugurated on 07.03.2024 through video conference by Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity.

The future Achievements (2024-2025)

- 25th January will be observed as 'Tamil Martyrs Day' from 2025.
- 3rd June will be celebrated as 'Classical Language Day' from 2025.
- Dr. Aaru.Alagappan, Ezhil Muthalvan (@) Dr. Ramalingam and Tamil scholars living in memory Dr. So.Satyaseelan, Dr. Ma.Ra. Arasu. Pavalar Sa.Balasundaram, Dr. Ka.Pa. Aravanan.Dr. KaTaThirunavukarasu, Dr. Ira. Kumaravelan. Kavignar Ka.Velavendan's books will be nationalized at an estimated cost of Rs.91.35 lakh.
- The amount of Prize money will be enhanced from Rs.30,000 to Rs.50,000 to the author of the best books selected under the Best Books Prize Scheme and from Rs.10,000 to Rs.25,000 to the publisher who published the book.
- A statue of poet Mudiarasan will be erected in Sivagangai district at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- A new award will be presented every year in order to honor the Tamil service rendered by former Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who is fondly called leader of the Tamil nation in Tamil Nadu and also by Tamils all over the world.
- A financial assistance of Rs.50 lakh will be provided for the building expansion of the building works of Chandigarh Tamil Forum.
- An amount of Rs.50 lakh will be given for the renovation of the Auditorium of the Delhi Tamil Sangam.
- Steps will be taken from this year to make the best Tamil books translated into world languages available in the top 100 universities and famous libraries of the world. An amount of Rs.2 crore will be allocated for this initiative.
- As an extension of the Dream House scheme, the Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered to provide houses to awardees residing in Tamil Nadu who have won the Sahitya Akademy Translator Award for Best Translated Book in Tamil.

Information and Public Relations Department

The Department of Information and Publicity of the Government of Tamil Nadu is doing a great task of taking to the people, all the Schemes, Announcements, Orders, Press Releases, Reports, Letters, Requests, etc., of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Appointment of Joint Directors Zonal wise to speed up the works

- ❖ On behalf of Information and Public Relations Department, it has been ordered to expedite various welfare schemes of the Government at district level; hence the districts were divided into 6 zones (Chennai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Madurai and Thanjavur) and 6 Joint Directors were given additional charge as Zonal Joint Directors to coordinate and monitor the schemes at district level and the works are being monitored.

Memorials

- ❖ Unlike any other state in India, Memorials, Memorial Halls and Commemoration pillars have been erected on behalf of the Government to honour the memories of Freedom Fighters, Language warriors, eminent personalities of Tamil Nadu, the scholars who strived hard for the Development of Tamil language and Music maestros.

- 88 Memorials, 4 Memorial Halls, 5 Commemoration Pillars and 1 Monument have been established across Tamil Nadu and they are being maintained in best manner.
- In the Past three years, 9 New Manimandapams / Memorial halls, 22 New statues have been established at a cost of Rs.121,77,00,000/- (Rupees One hundred twenty one crore and Seventy seven lakh only)

Announcements of Hon'ble Chief Minister

- A memorial to Muthamizharignar Kalaignar with modern illustrations a part of the basement of 2.21 acres was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the campus of Anna Memorial, Marina beach, Chennai that has achieved the admiration of the world has become a predominant place of attraction and attention. Till date, 21,55,406 visitors have viewed this place.
- In order to add pride and honour to Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, a majestic statue of Kalaignar was inaugurated at Omandurar Hospital Complex, Government Estate, Anna Salai, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1,70,00,000/ (Rupees One crore and seventy lakh only) by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- A Statue and a memorial hall attached with library was established at Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi district at a cost of Rs.1,51,00,000/- (Rupees One crore and fifty one lakh only) so as to honour the writer Ki.Rajanarayanan, Father of Karisal Literature who exposed the fragrance of Karisal culture.
- In commemoration of the centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, the house where Bharathiyar lived in Kasi, Uttar Pradesh has been reconstructed and renovated at a cost of Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen lakh only) on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu and also bust has been installed.
- A Domed statue of Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandes, who is hailed as the father of modern Thoothukudi has been erected in MGR Park, Thoothukudi district at a cost of Rs.77,87,000/- (Rupees seventy seven lakh eighty seven thousand only).
- The memorial house of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar has been renovated at a cost of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh fifty thousand only) at Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi district.
- In addition to the renovation work of V.O Chidambaranar ManiMandapam in Tirunelveli, Audio-video Display systems have been installed at a cost of Rs.73,20,000/- (Rupees seventy three lakh twenty thousand only) so that everyone can learn his life story.
- A Statue of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was erected at V.O.Chidambaranar Park in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty lakh only).
- A bust of Colonel John Benniquick, who dedicated his life for the construction of the Mullai Periyar Dam, has been erected at a cost of Rs.33,66,000/- (Rupees Thirty three lakh sixty six thousand only) in the city of Camberley, his birthplace in England.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu unveiled the statue of Thiru. V.P.Singh, former Prime Minister of India and Guardian of Social Justice at Presidency College premises in Chennai at a cost of Rs.52,20,000/- (Rupees Fifty two lakh twenty thousand only).

- A Martyrs' Memorial Hall has been constructed at a cost of Rs.1.47 crore (Rupees one crore fortyseven lakh only) in Usilampatti, Perungamanallur, Madurai district to honour the 16 martyrs who were shot dead by the British in Usilampatti, Perungamanallur, Madurai district in 1920 for their freedom struggle against the British autocracy, and to mark the Centenary of that brave and sacrifice event.

- In the Manimandapam built in the memory of Veeran Sundharalingam in Governagiri, Thoothukudi, bust of Veeran Sundaralingam was replaced by a new statue with a majestic pose, seated on a horse and engaged in battle at a cost of Rs.48,66,000/- (Rupees Forty eight lakh sixty six thousand only).

- A Manimandapam with a statue of Veeramamunivar, the father of the Tamil Lexicon, was installed in the premises of St.Paraloka Madha Temple in Kamanayakkanpatti Village, Thoothukudi District at a cost of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One crore only).

- Manimandapams with the Statues of Emperor Perumbiduku Mutharaiyar, Sir A.T.Panneerselvam, who was called as Diamond pillar, Thiru.M.K.Thiagaraja Bhagavadhar have been constructed at a cost of Rs.4,03,00,000 /- (Rupees Four crore three lakh only) near Central Bus Stand, Trichirappalli.

- A Manimandapam with a statue of Diwan Bahadur Rettaimalai Srinivasan was constructed at Achiruppakkam, Chengalpattu

District at a cost of Rs.2,18,00,000/- (Rupees Two crore eighteen lakh only).

- The construction of Manimandapam in Viluppuram district, at an estimated cost of Rs.5,70,00,000/- (Rupees Five crore Seventy lakh only) dedicated to 21 social justice activists who lost their lives during the Reservation struggle that took place in the year 1987 and the construction of a Memorial Hall with a statue of former Minister Thiru A. Govindasamy, a great leader who contributed greatly to the improvement of the lives of the poor, at a cost of Rs.4,00,00,000/- (Rupees Four crore only) at Vazhuthareddy village, Viluppuram district are under progress.

- On the centenary occasion of King Rajagopala Thondaiman of Pudukottai, Preliminary works of construction of a memorial hall with a museum for King Rajagopala Thondaiman at Pudukottai, are in progress at a cost of Rs.3,02,00,000/- (Rupees Three crore Two lakh only).

- Thanthai Periyar, accepting Mahatma Gandhi's call against untouchability led the Vaikom movement in a town called Vaikom in the Travancore princely state. In order to mark the centenary of the Vaikom movement, developmental work is underway to upgrade Thanthai Periyar's memorial in Vaikom, Kerala at a cost of Rs.8,14,00,000/- (Rupees Eight crore Fourteen lakh only) in a grand manner.

- Works are in progress for the construction of memorial with a statue in Cuddalore district, honouring the centenary of Ayya Ilayaperumal who was not only a beacon of light for oppressed communities but also a symbol of ethical politics at an estimated cost of Rs.5,70,00,000/-(Rupees Five crore Seventy lakh only).

- Preliminary Works are in progress in making of statue of Lee Kuan Yew, the first Prime Minister of Singapore is under construction at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only) at Mannargudi in Tiruvarur District.

- Works are in progress in making of statue of Martyr Immanuel Sekaranar and a Memorial Hall is currently under construction at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three crore only) in Paramakkudi, Ramanathapuram District.

- Construction works are in progress for a waiting shed for the public and a permanent shed at the Pasumpon Muthuramalingathevar Memorial in Pasumpon Village,Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs.1,55,00,000/- (Rupees One crore Fifty Five lakh only).

- Works are in progress in the construction of a Hall at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three crore only), in memory of the meeting in Siravayal village of Sivagangai district, where Mahatma Gandhi met the freedom fighter Jeeva during the struggle for independence.

- A statue of Perasiriyar K.Anbazhaganar has been erected at a cost of Rs.37,20,000/- at 'Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar Kalvi Valagam' situated at School Education Department in Nungambakkam, Chennai to honour Prof. K.Anbazhaganar.

- A bust of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai, the first royal state poet, a martyr of the national struggle and the author of the marching hymn of the salt satyagraha struggle, has been erected at his memorial house in Namakkal town at a cost of Rs.20,00,000/-.

Announcements for Completed works and Works in progress in last 3 years

- A domed hall with a statue of one of the famous Tamil scholars of the 20th century and versatile Tamil Savant Dr. M.Varadarasanar, has been constructed at a cost of Rs.65,76,000/- in Ranipet district.

- Initially in the first phase basic facilities of 10 Manimandapams such as (Thyagi Subramaniya Siva Manimandapam, Dharmapuri, Mozhignayiru Devaneya Pavaanar Manimandapam, Madurai, Tamizhisai Moovar Manimandapam, Mayiladuthurai, Pattukkottai Kalyanasundaram Manimandapam, Thanjavur, Thamizh Thatha Dr. U.Ve.Sa.Ninaivu Illam, Tiruvarur, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam, Thoothukudi, Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.C Manimandapam, Tirunelveli, Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Manimandapam, Cuddalore, Pagutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai Narayanakavi Mandapam, Udumalaipettai, Tiruppur, Swami Sagajanandha Mandapam, Chidambaram under the control of the Information and Public Relations Department have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.One crore for the convenience of the students preparing for the competitive examinations.

- Annal Ambedkar ManiMandapam and the library attached to its campus which is under the control of Public Works Department in Dr. D.G.S.Dhinakaran Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai was also handed over to the Information and Public Relations Department on 13.10.2023 and a statue of Annal Ambedkar was erected in that campus.

- Gandhi Mandapam at Chennai where the oil press pulled by Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar in Coimbatore Jail is placed, has been refurbished at a cost of Rs.43,42,000/- and a bust of 'Kappalottiya Tamizhan' V.O.Chidambaranar has also been erected.

- A statue of freedom fighter Veera Pandiya Kattabomman, who fought bravely against the British in Tamil Nadu and accepted the gallows, has been erected at Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy in Chennai at a cost of Rs.18 lakh.

- A statue of Marudhu brothers, who ruled the Sivagangai and fought bravely against the British for the freedom of the motherland, has been erected at the Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy in Chennai at a cost of Rs.34 lakh.

- A statue of Anjalai Ammal, Freedom Fighter who was called as the 'Jhansi Rani of South India' has been erected at Muthu Nagar Gandhi Corporation Park, Cuddalore District at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.

- A statue of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam former President of India and also India's leading scientist and charismatic idol of the students, has been erected at a cost of Rs.21,95,000/- at Anna University premises, Chennai.

- A statue of Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel Prize Laureate for literature and Bengal Poet who penned the National Anthem has been erected at Queen Mary's College Premises Chennai at a cost of Rs.29,62,000/-.

- A bronze statue of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar, a Social Reformer, Writer and political forerunner of Dravidian Movement and Abolition of the Devadasi system has been erected in Mayiladuthurai at a cost of Rs.15,97,000/-.

- A statue of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy, the first Woman Legislator, first President of the Indian Women's Association, Social Reformer and Doctor has been erected in Pudukkottai a cost of Rs.9,84,000/-.

- A bronze bust has been erected at Government Guest House, Chepauk campus, Chennai at a cost of Rs.9,50,000/- to honour the late Naavalar Dr .R.Nedunchezhiyan, a pioneer of the Dravidian movement, great literary scholar and former Finance Minister.

- A statue of Padmashri T.M. Soundararajan, renowned playback singer has been erected in Madurai city at a cost of Rs.46,68,000/- on the occasion of his birth Centenary.

- A Manimandapam with the statue of Dravidian Peroli Pandithar Ayothidasar, has been installed at Gandhi Mandapam premises in Guindy, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2,48,00,000/- in commemoration of his 175th birth anniversary.

- The 360 degree photographs of Manimandapams, Memorials and Memorial Halls of freedom fighters, Language martyrs, Tamil scholars, important leaders have been taken at the cost of Rs.1.25 crore and uploaded on the website. A quick reference code (QR Code) has also been installed. The life history, photo albums and the books of these leaders have been exhibited and short films have been broadcasted by installing wide screen Television in 15 Manimandapams. In the first phase of the work, the Thiruvalluvar statue located in the Marina Beach Road in Chennai was equipped with QR Code and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development in a great manner.

- A statue of Ku.Mu.Annal Thango, who was a Tamil Enthusiast, translated names from Sanskrit into Tamil and a freedom fighter has been erected in Gudiyatham, Vellore at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of India, the memorials of the freedom fighters have been upgraded (Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva Manimandapam, Dharmapuri, Freedom fighter Kodikatha Kumaran Memorial, Tiruppur, Veeramangai Velunachiyar Ninaivu Mandapam, Sivagangai, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam, Thoothukudi, Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Mani Mandapam, Cuddalore, Kamarajar Centenary Manimandapam, Virudhunagar) and audio visual systems have been installed in 6 memorials at a cost of Rs.33,45,000/-.

- The Gandhi Museum, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Memorial Hall, periyavar Bhaktavatsalam Memorial Hall, Mutharignar

Rajaji Memorial Hall all which are located in Gandhi Mandapam premises, Chennai have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.3.36 crore.

- Vallal Athiyaman Kottam located in Dharmapuri district has been renovated in a modern manner at a cost of Rs.98.75 lakh.
- A hall along with a statue of Mayuram Munif Vedanayagam, the author of the first Tamil novel, is being constructed in Mayiladuthurai at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Works for the erection of a statue of the freedom fighter Thali Palayakar Malaiyaandi Venkitupathi Eththalappa Nayakkar at Udumalaipet Municipality office complex in Tiruppur district and an hall near Thirumurthy dam, are being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs.2.53 crore.
- A memorial hall is being constructed in Aliyar Nagar, Coimbatore district, at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore to honour those who lost their lives in an unforseen accident during the Parambikulam Aliyar Project works.
- Construction of a new two-storeyed hall within the premises/office campus of the Chief Engineer (Water Resources Department) in Pollachi, intended for hosting trainings, seminars and other events for farmers, along with the erection of statues in honour of former MLA V.K. Palanisamy, former Minister Si. Subramaniam, and former MLA & industrialist Pollachi Na. Mahalingam, is being carried out at a cost of Rs. 4.28 crore.
- A statue has been erected for the former Chief Minister of Madras Province, Dr.Pa.Subbarayan, who toiled for Tamil language and Tamil people and passed legislations based on principles of Social justice at a cost of Rs.17.50 lakh in Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai. Also, works for the construction of a hall with his statue are being carried out in Namakkal City at an estimated cost of Rs.2.50 crore.
- Works for the construction of hall along with a statue of the freedom fighter Uthama Thiyagi Thiru.Eashwaran who was former MLA of Erode Constituency and was instrumental in bringing the lower Bhavani Irrigation Scheme are being carried out in Sathyamangalam, Erode District at a cost of Rs.2.60 crore.
- The Valluvar Kottam at Chennai which was originally conceptualized by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar is being renovated as per the contemporary circumstances utilizing modern technology at an estimated cost of Rs.80 crore to further disseminate the legacy of Thirukkural and Thiruvalluvar among the public.
- Works for the construction of statue of the freedom fighter Venni Kaalaadi, who was the commander in Chief of King Pulithevar are being carried out in Tenkasi district at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Works for the erection of statue in Sivagangai district, in honour of Kuyili, a staunch supporter of the freedom fighter Veeramangai Velunachiyar and sacrificed her life by leaping into the armoury of the British, eventually destroying it, at an estimate of Rs.50 lakh is under progress.
- The preliminary works for the construction of a memorial hall along with a statue dedicated to the martyr Kodikatha Kumaran, who valiantly fought against the British and gave his life for India's freedom in Chennimalai, Erode District, at an estimate of Rs.3 crore have been commenced and are underway.

- A memorial hall with a statue in honour of Keelapazhuvur Chinnasamy, who had an insatiable passion for the Tamil language and was the first to sacrifice his life in anti - Hindi agitation, is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore in Ariyalur district.

- Works for the erection of statue in Sivagangai district, at an estimate of Rs.50 lakh in honour of "Vaalukkuveli Ambalam", a freedom fighter who fought against the British along with Veeramangai Velunachiyar and Maamannar Maruthu brothers, is under progress.

Other works

- The Mani Mandapam dedicated to the Tamizhisai Moovar (trio) Muthu Thandavar, Arunachala Kavirayar and Marimutha Pillai located in Sirkali, Mayiladuthurai district which was announced by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the year 2000 and subsequently inaugurated by him in 2010, has been renovated at a cost of Rs.47 lakh.

- The statue of the former Chief Minister J.Jayalalithaa, installed at Dr. J Jayalalithaa premises, Kamarajar Road, Chennai has been handed over to the official responsibility of the Information and Public Relations Department on 04.02.2022.

- For the first time in history of the Information and Public Relations Department, a book of "Coffer of Time", detailing information and pictures of ManiMandapams, monuments, halls, Commemonation pillars and memorials which are maintained by the department, have been distributed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Members of Parliament, District Collectors, and other distinguished dignitaries. This book received high appreciation from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- A new statue of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan has been erected at a cost of Rs.39.75 lakh at the eastern front gate area of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan ManiMandapam in Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai.

- The Information and Public Relations Department is also responsible for erecting statues of freedom fighters who contributed to our nation's freedom, eminent personalities of Tamil Nadu, scholars who dedicated their lives to the development of the Tamil language and brought pride to it and leaders who advanced the principles of social justice. The 20 statues of leaders and Tamil scholars along Kamarajar Road at Marina Beach, Chennai which had become discoloured and tarnished due to bird pollution, have been restored and painted with a gold finish as the first phase of renovation at a cost of Rs.20,72,000/-. This initiative has received a wide reception from the public.

- Steps are being taken to establish a auditorium with the statue of the freedom fighter Theeran Chinnamalai commander Veeran Pollan in Erode district.

- Photographs of freedom Struggle martyns and Tamil Language defendors are being displayed at Public gathering places in all distircts.

State Functions

- The birth anniversaries of the freedom fighters, Tamil Scholars and scholars who worked for the development of Tamil was celebrated annually as State functions to honour their greatness and services.

- 43 state level functions and 90 district level functions are being celebrated in a grand manner.

- In the last 3 years, as per the order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, order has been issued to celebrate 4 state level and 11 district level Government functions of birthdays of freedom fighters, Tamil scholars, former Prime Ministers and former Chief Ministers annually.
- In the last 3 years, the expenditure for a function attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the state level has been increased from Rs.30,000 to Rs.50,000 and for the function attended by the Hon'ble Ministers, it has been enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs.40,000.
- The Expenditure of District-level function has been enhanced to Rs.25,000.
- People from all walks of life to know and benefit from the life history of Veeramangai Velunachiyar, for the first time in history, the music based dance drama of Veeramangai Velunachiyar was coordinated and organized by the Department of Information, Arts and Culture Department and Iyal Isai and Nataka Manram.
- During the function held at Chennai Kalaivanar Arangam on 13.08.2022, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released the logo and inaugurated and watched the play. Further, the play was also performed in Erode, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli districts and received a warm welcome from the public.
- Dravida Peroli Ayothidasar Pandit's birthday is celebrated on 20th May as a state function every year.
- Former Prime Minister and Guardian of social justice late V.P Singh's birth anniversary is celebrated on 25th June annually in Chennai as Government Function.
- The Birth Anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar is being celebrated as a state function on 3rd June.
- The Birth Anniversary of Valukkuveli Ambalam, the hero who fought against the British, is celebrated as a Government function on 10th June to honour his bravery and memory.
- On the centenary of Muthamizharinagar Kalaignar, photo exhibitions on the historical events of Muthamizharinagar Kalaignar, cultural events, stage shows, Debates, seminars and poetic forum were held all over Tamil Nadu.
- And also, Elocution Competition, Essay Competition, Quiz Competition, Drawing competition, team sports competition for youth (kabaddi, football, volleyball) in schools at district level are conducted continuously.
- On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, a marathon race, poetic competition, essay competition and drawing competition were conducted in Chennai by coordinating several department of the Government and the winners were felicitated with prizes.
- 07.10.1961, the day on which former Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru inaugurated the Parambikulam Aliyar Irrigation Project was declared as "Parampikkulam Aliyar Irrigation Project Day" and on this day, Tributes were being paid to former Member of Legislative Assembly V.K. Palaniswamy Gounder, former Minister C.Subramaniam and former Member of Legislative Assembly and Industrialist Pollachi N. Mahalingam every year on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Thiru. Ananda Rao, the chief engineer who successfully completed the construction of Parambikulam Aliyar Dam, is honoured by garlanding his statue at Valparai on the same day.

Action was taken on the following 14 announcements made by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.C.Chidambaranar in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 03.09.2021.

- The hall where the oil press pulled by V.O.C.Chidambaranar in jail was kept at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai has been renovated and the bust of him was unveiled.
- Melaperiya cotton Road, the Main Road in Thoothukudi City, henceforth known as V.O.C.Chidambaranar Road. The road was renamed as "V.O.C.Chidambaranar Road.
- A statue of Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.C.Chidambaranar, who spent the major days of his life in Coimbatore prison was erected at V.O.C.Chidambaranar Park, Coimbatore.
- The memorial house of Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.C.Chidambaranar in Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi district and the Manimandapam of V.O.C.Chidambaranar in Tirunelveli, being maintained by information and public relation department have been reconstructed and an audio-visual display has been set up in those places to make people aware of his life history.
- The film depicting the life story of Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.C.Chidambaranar was screened in modern digital mode so that today's younger generation can learn about his life history.
- The Department of Higher Education has taken steps to establish a new "Research Chair" in the name of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar at Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli District.
- Provisions have been made by the Department of School Education to republish all the books of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar with the revised format and make them available to the public at affordable price through Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation.
- The Department of School Education / Public Works Department has taken steps to construct additional required classrooms, auditorium and Memorial Arch in the schools where Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar and Mahakavi Bharathiyar studied at Tirunelveli with an estimated cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- Steps have been initiated by the Department of Industries to present an award amount of Rs.5 lakh with a certificate of felicitation in the name of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Award' annually to a Tamil person who actively involves and effectively contributes to the Shipping related sectors such as Ship building, Ship Technology and Maritime Transport.
- The Death Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar is observed as Thiyaga Thirunal [Day of Sacrifice] on 18th November every year.
- All the new Government buildings constructed from 05.09.2021 to 05.09.2022 at Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli have been named after Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar during this year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Flagged off a mobile bus with a photo exhibition and Videos revealing the Life History of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar, so as to felicitate his 150th birth anniversary at Chennai. This Bus traveled across Tamil Nadu and lakhs of students and people from across the state viewed it.

- An online seminar about V.O.Chidambaranar has been conducted through the Department of Tamil Development with the help of Tamil University.
- An order was issued by the Department of Information Technology for the complete digitalization of the books and Manuscripts of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar through Tamil Virtual Academy.

Action have been taken on the following 14 announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.09.2021 in commemoration of the death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar.

- The Death Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar is observed as 'Mahakavi Day' (Great Poet Day) on 11th September every year on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- A book called "Manathil Uruthi Vendum", the collection of selected songs and essays of Bharathiyar was distributed by the School Education Department to around 37 lakh school students of Government and Government aided schools at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Several Researchers have made remarkable researches about the life and works of Mahakavi Bharathiyar. The Tamil Development Department has honoured the senior researchers Thiru.Seeni.Viswanathan, prof.Ya.Manikandan and the family members of late Pe.Thooran, Ra.Aa.Padamanaban, Tho.Mu.si.Ragunathan, Ilasai Maniyan who were rendered major contribution in the Researches about Bharathiyar with a cash amount of Rs.3 lakh, an award and a certificate of felicitation.
- Steps have been taken by the Poompuhar Corporation to make the statue of Mahakavi Bharathiyar and the antiques engraved with his images and sale those products to public at an affordable cost through Poompuhar Corporation.
- The Manuscripts of Mahakavi Bharathi will be explored, compiled and published as a

classical edition without altering its antiquity (format). A comic book will be published to make children aware of the life history of Bharathiyar. Also, best hundred poems of Bharathiyar will be selected and published as a book with the colourful paintings of the renowned artists of Tamil Nadu. Further, the works of Bharathiyar and the Major Research works on Bharathiyar had also been translated into English and published by the Department of Tamil Development.

- A separate section called 'Bharathiyiyal' was setup by the Department of School Education to compile the Books of Mahakavi Bharathiyar and all the research books about Bharathiyar and place them at the Bharathiyar Memorial at Ettayapuram, Triplicane and at Anna Centenary Library, Chennai and at Kalaignar Centenary Library, Madurai.

- Various events on Mahakavi Bharathi was organized by the Department of Tamil Development under the Title 'Paar Engum Bharathi' (Bharathi Across the World) by co-ordinating the World Tamil Associations.

- A Musical Concert called 'Thiraiyil Bharathi' that exclusively featured Bharathiyar's songs in Films (Bharathi on screen) has been conducted at Chennai with a cost of Rs.60 lakh during the year 2022.

- A Research Chair in the name of Mahakavi Bharathiyar was established at Bharathidasan University, Trichy by the Department of Higher Education.

- A House at which Mahakavi Bharathiyar resided at Kasi, Uttar Paradesh has been renovated at a cost of Rs.18 lakh on behalf of Government. A bust was also erected at that house.

- Tamil Plays about the life history of Mahakavi Bharathiyar was staged at the districts of Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvannamalai, Trichy and Salem in a grand manner so as to felicitate the Death Centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar. These Plays were viewed and enjoyed by the lakhs and lakhs of people. All these plays were telecasted in Live in tndipr Youtube channel and Arasu Cable T.V.

- Advertisement Campaigns have been carried out by displaying the Emotional lyrics of Mahakavi Bharathiyar in writings and paintings in schools, colleges, bus stands and buses.

- The Rural Development Department has named the Livelihood Park for Self Help Groups (to be established by the Rural Development Department) as 'Mahakavi Bharathiyar Livelihood Park' in order to honour Mahakavi Bharathiyar who emphasized women's education and Courage.

- On the occasion of Mahakavi Bharathiyar's death centenary, a weekly program was conducted in grand manner at Bharathiyar Memorial house, chennai for one year from October 2021 to August 2022.

A Social Media Section has been setup in the Department of Information for the first time

- In order to make the people aware of the updated Press Releases of the Government, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers, to upload the news related to the achievements, photographs and programmes in the Social Media platforms like X, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and Whatsapp Channel, a separate Social Media Section has been created.

Website

- Achievements of the Government are

instantly uploaded in the social media website TNDIPR in order to reach and to benefit the public immediately.

Fact Check

- A social media unit named TN FACT CHECK has been set up at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, under the Department of Information and Public Relations. Its purpose is to identify hate campaigns and fake news on social media and to provide accurate information with supporting data to the public.

Whatsapp Channel

- As a next initiative, an official WhatsApp channel named "TNDIPR, Government of Tamil Nadu" was started on 10.06.2024. Provisions have been made to keep the Public informed about the Government's Schemes and News. Till date, 70,329 people have registered as followers of this channel.

- It is a milestone for the social media section that, this year, information about the Tamil Nadu Government's Finance Department's Budget has reached 7,70,70,743 people, and 4,30,40,688 people have benefited from information about the Agriculture Department's Budget through the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency.

Tamil Nadu Films Division

- In order to improve efficiency of Tamil Nadu Films Division, a new modern equipments and new Live U 600 equipments have been procured for live telecasting of the functions attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at an estimated cost of Rs.14 lakh and Rs.21 lakh respectively.

- First time in the history 7,700 Video tapes which feature the Government functions attended by former Chief Minister and other important functions have been digitalized and preserved in Tamil Nadu Films Division at a cost of Rs 1.48 crore.

- A new Youtube Channel has been started and functioning in Tamil Nadu Films Division, so that the programme of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Government programmes can reach the public easily through social media.

- Over 3,400 video clippings related to Government events / functions have been uploaded in the last 3 years and with 11,100 subscribers and more than 60 lakh viewers, all Government programme reach the people immediately and effectively.

- The functions attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the programmes attended by Hon'ble Ministers were compiled into a 5-minute news bulletins. So far, 137 weekly news bulletins have been uploaded and streamed immediately in all theatres, social media, Arasu cable TV, District Collector's Office premises, LED Walls and District Information and Public Relations Office advertising vehicles in the past three years.

Photo Section

- Six state-of-the-art cameras (Digital Still Cameras / Digital Video Cameras) are being purchased at a cost of Rs.48,00,000/- (Rupees forty eight lakh) to record the programs of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in modern method.

- All Ancient year-wise photo rolls related to former Chief Ministers and Government programs have been digitalized and preserved in this section at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh).

Exhibition

- Every year, photo exhibitions are organized at the district level by coordinating with all departments through the District Public Relations Offices, to make people from all walks of life to know and benefit about the achievements and schemes of the Government.

- Over the past three years, Government Photo Exhibitions and Cultural Programs exhibiting the achievements of the Government have been conducted annually in all districts at a cost of Rs.5,27,00,000/- (Rupees five crore Twenty seven lakh), benefiting lakhs of people.

- In the last three years, Government Exhibitions conducted in Cities and Districts have earned revenue of Rs.8,76,00,000/- (Rupees eight crore seventy six lakh) in revenue for the Government, thus benefiting 15,53,372 people.

- Besides, Rs.9,51,00,000/- (Rupees nine crore fifty one lakh) have been contributed to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund through Private Exhibitions.

- Photo Exhibitions and Awareness Cultural Programs were organized across all districts at a cost of Rs.3,80,00,000/- (Rupees three crore eighty lakh) under the theme "One Year of Tireless Work" showcasing the achievements and Schemes of Government Departments, to benefit people in all districts.

- A Photo Exhibition titled "Tamil Nadu's contribution in the freedom struggle" was held at Koyambedu Bus Stand, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.16,00,000/- (Rupees sixteen lakh) to honour and highlight the National Leaders who fought valiantly in Freedom Struggle. Further visitors from all walks of life particularly it drew attention from people across the State.

Pageantry Procession / TABLEAUX

- In the Republic Day function held in January, 2024 at New Delhi, the Pageantry float of the Government of Tamil Nadu which highlighted the Kudavolai system (a democratic process), won the third prize, and first prize for its artistic performance.

- During the Republic Day function held at New Delhi in the year 2023, tableaux featuring Seven Women Achievers from the State of Tamil Nadu on the theme of "Women's Progress and Culture" received National attention.

- Notably, a model of the tableau of Kalaignar Centenary Bull Taming Hall, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at Madurai, was featured in the pageantry float of the Information and Public Relations Department in the year 2024 Republic Day celebrations at Chennai. The Public was highly impressed.

- The tableau of the Information and public relations department won the third prize on the occasion of Republic Day function for the year 2023 held in Chennai. As the Union Government rejected the 3 tableau designed to exhibit the contributions of Tamil Nadu in the Independence Movement from featuring at the Republic Day parade held at New Delhi for the year 2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ordered to showcase those tableau to the people of all districts. Following this, the Tableau were sent to the most of the districts. Also, Cultural events were organized on behalf of the district administration. lakh of Public and students viewed the Tableau and get benefited.

- Information and Public Relations department's stall was honoured by awarding second prize in the 47th India Tourism and Industrial Trade Fair Exhibition held at Island Grounds, Chennai in 2023.

- To Commemorate the sacrifices of the Freedom Fighters who had selflessly toiled for the nation, a three-dimensional light and sound show about the freedom fighters/ martyrs held for 18 days at the Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai and was enjoyed by school students and the public.

- On the occasion of the centenary of famous playback singer Thiru.T.M Soundararajan, music concert was held to honour him at a cost of Rs.12 lakh at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.

- The Centenary Commemoration logo was launched at an event held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai to glorify Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. Also, a photo exhibition was held at a cost of Rs.41.04 lakh in a grand manner.

State Information Center

- The State Information Centre is operational at Chennai Kalaivanar Arangam under the control of the Information and Public Relations Department. A library consisting of 73,042 books is functioning at the State Information Centre for the benefit of all.

- This library has been established to ensure that a wide range of people including the Public, Artists, Social Activists, College Professors, and Students preparing for competitive exams can easily find, read, and benefit from the necessary books using the e-Grathalaya software developed by the National Informatics Centre.

- This library is highly beneficial for students preparing for competitive exams.

- Also, under the scheme of setting up an e-library, around 2,500 books in the State Information Centre have been digitized in a copyright-free manner through the Anna Centenary Library, on behalf of the Directorate of Public Libraries.

Tamilarasu Press

- 42 Special Publications have been done in Tamilarasu Press in the past three years. The details are as follows:

1	Reply of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to the discussion about the address of the speech of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
2	The 100-days achievement edition of 'Thalai Nimirum Tamilagam - nootrandin thisaiyil 100 naatkal'
3	Announcements under Rule 110 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (24.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
4	Department wise Announcements made during the debate on Demands for Grants in theTamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 13.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
5	Special Issue on unveiling the statue of Naavalar Dr.R. Nedunchezhiyan on his birth centenary valedictory ceremony.
6	If the people need it, considering the people's interest, we will implement the announcements that were not implemented by the previous Government – Reply by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly.
7	One year achievements Magazine titled "Niraivana valarchiyil Nilayana Payanam" (Tamil)
8	Sustained Journey towards all-round growth, one year achievements – (English)
9	"The first year began well, the second year will be an unparalleled one"- Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on completion of one year as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

10	Fulfilling the Dreams of every Tamils - Coffer of time
11	Dravidian Model Government- in the view of Scholars and eminent personalities
12	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 13.05.2021 to 30.12.2021) Volume-1
13	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 01.01.2022 to 05.04.2022) Volume -2
14	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 12.05.2021 to 10.05.2022)
15	Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under rule 110 (from 24.08.2021 to 09.05.2022)
16	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu Volume -1
17	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu Volume -2
18	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu Volume -3
19	Tamil Nadu Day July 18 Special Edition 2022
20	The Centenary of the Educational Revolution 2022
21	V.O.C. 150th Birth Anniversary Special Issue 2022
22	Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue 2022
23	Ilakkiya Malar-2023
24	Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence – Achievement souvenir (Tamil)
25	Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence – Achievement souvenir (English)
26	Golden Words of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
27	Speeches delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various functions (from 11.05.2022 to 28.07.2022) – Volume-3
28	Hon'ble Chief Minister's speeches in various functions (from 29.07.2022 to 30.09.2022) Volume - 4
29	Hon'ble Chief Minister's speeches in various functions (05.10.2022 to 09.02.2023) Volume - 5
30	Hon'ble Chief Minister's speeches in various functions (18.02.2023 to 27.04.2023) Volume – 6
31	Hon'ble Chief Minister's speeches in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (18.10.2022 to 21.04.2023)
32	Announcements made under Rule 110 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (24.08.2021 to 21.04.2023)
33	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle (Tamil)
34	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to The Freedom Struggle (English)
35	Journalist Kalaignar - Centenary Souvenir
36	Vaikom Struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (Tamil)
37	Vaikom Struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (English)
38	Vaikom Struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (Malayalam)
39	Kalaignar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir June – 2024 Volume -1
40	Kalaignar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir June - 2024 Volume - 2
41	Kalaignar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir June - 2024 Volume -3
42	Kaalappezhai (A book of Time capsules) – Volume of Memorials 2023

Pamphlets

- One lakh pamphlets containing the life history of freedom fighters, Tamil Scholars and political leaders have been prepared and printed and distributed for the Public awareness.
- Quick Response Code (QR Code) scanning facility has been launched to read and know the life history of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar, Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiyar, Nadigar Thilagam chevalier Sivaji Ganesan, facts about Valluvar Kottam, 82 Memorials under the control of Department of Information and Public Relations and 50,000 notes about India International Trade Fair 2021 and 53rd Film Bazaar 2022, Goa have been printed and distributed to visitors.

Posters

- 50,000 Posters of five types explaining the title "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam, Peru sollum Nooru Natkal", the Achievements of the Government were printed and distributed to all the districts and advertised at important places for the view of public through the 'Tamilarasu' printing press.

Other publishing works

- Apart from Tamilarasu monthly Magazine works, 25,000 Pamphlets, posters and application forms are being printed and issued for other sections like Pocket Telephone Directory, Memorials Section, Exhibition Section, Journalist Welfare Board, Film Industry Welfare Board, etc., every year.

If you register in the Government Website and e-sevai centres, the monthly magazine 'Tamilrasu' will reach at your home

- 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine is being widely read by Public, Government Offices, Readers of Government libraries, younger generation and school students preparing for competitive exams. The provision has been made to new readers for registration and subscribers to renew their subscriptions, through the website www.tamilarasu.org and Government e-service centres to receive 'Tamilarasu' monthly Magazine by Post.

Victorious journey of 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine

- Continuing its successful journey of 54 years, the monthly magazine 'Tamilarasu' (Tamil and English) has set a record that the total number of subscribers have been increased to 1,23,897 subscribers in 3 years of the tenure of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- The 100001st subscriber has been honoured by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin by presenting the Tamilarasu Magazine on 11.05.2023.

For the first time, a special edition of 'Tamilarasu' is on sale at the book fair

- For the first time in the 53-year history of 'Tamilarasu' Press, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had launched the first special edition sale at the 'Tamilarasu Arena' on 06.01.2023, participating in the book fair held in Chennai, with the aim of making everyone to read and benefit from the special editions compiled and published by 'Tamilarasu' Press at an affordable price.

- In the upcoming days, with the aim of increasing the reading ability of the younger generation, 'Tamilarasu' Press is continuing the work of selling special editions at an affordable price.

New machineries purchased for Tamil Nadu Press

- A new Paper Cutting Machine, a new Folding Machine, a Digital Production Printer have been purchased at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore and are being used in a modern manner.

Journalists Welfare Board

- Journalists Welfare Board was formed in 2021 to protect the welfare of journalists and till date 3,300 persons have been enrolled as members.

- 21 types of welfare schemes including educational assistance, marriage assistance and maternity assistance are being provided to the members of the welfare board by the Government.

- Based on the recommendation of the Journalist Welfare Board, 97 journalists have been provided new pension and Rs.1,12,00,000/- (One crore and twelve lakh rupees) as family assistance fund to the legal heirs of 35 deceased journalists in the last 3 years.

Journalists Welfare

- The pension for 329 journalists was enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.12,000/- per month; and family pension of Rs.5,000/- per month

was enhanced to Rs.6,000/- for the families of 64 journalists.

- ❖ Financial assistance has been increased from Rs.3,00,000/- to Rs.5,00,000/- to the family of deceased Editor, Sub-editor, Reporter, Photographer and proof reader during their tenure. As a flagship/pioneer attempt in the welfare of journalists, the maximum limit of annual income and gratuity for the pensioners has been increased from Rs.3,00,000/- to Rs.4,00,000/-
- ❖ The amount of medical assistance provided by the Journalist Welfare Fund has been increased from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh
- ❖ Journalist pension has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.12,000/-
- ❖ Journalist family pension has been increased from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.6,000/-; thus journalists are being benefited.
- ❖ Relief assistance of Rs.27 lakh is being given to the families of 6 journalists as a special event from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.
- ❖ Relief assistance of Rs.15 lakh has been provided to 7 journalists from the Journalist Family Welfare Fund.
- ❖ An amount of Rs.2.89 crore has been given to 5,784 journalists (Rs.5,000 each) photographers and videographers who are working in press, visual media and periodicals as special incentives (as a preventive measure against the Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19)).
- ❖ The compensation amount has been increased from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh and relief assistance of Rs.2.45 crore has been given to the families of 27 journalists who died due to corona / Covid-19.
- ❖ Appropriate training is provided every year to improve language skills and modern technology to increase capacity building for journalists to improve their professional competence in the field.
- ❖ Steps are being taken to upgrade the existing press room at the Secretariat at a cost of Rs.17 lakh.
- ❖ A newly introduced "Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Virudhu" with a prize amount of Rs.5 lakh is awarded to a journalist every year. Thiru. I.Shanmuganathan and Thiru.V.M.Samy has been awarded with the same for the year 2021 and 2022 respectively.
- ❖ In order to maintain the welfare of journalists, for the first time, a large number of journalists

participated in a free medical camp organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations and the Department of Health and family welfare at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.

Cine workers Welfare Board

- 27,091 members have been enrolled in the Cine Workers Welfare Board formed by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar to look after the interests of cini -workers at various levels in the film industry.
- 22 types of welfare schemes including educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, accident Insurance scheme are being provided to the welfare board members by the Government.
- In the past 3 years, financial assistance for nearly Rs.28 lakh have been granted to 500 members.

Government Awards

Kalaignar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award

- Since 2022, the Kalaignar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award is being presented so as to Commemorate the Lifetime Achievers in the Tamil Film Industry. The award for the year 2022 was presented to Thiru.Auroordas with the cash prize of Rs.10 lakh and a certificate of appreciation by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Film Awards

- All the Government film awards which had not been announced from the year 2009 to 2015 were presented to the awardees at various functions under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department. 218 awardees have been honoured with 5 sovereign gold medal each, cheque, memento and certificates to the producers of the best films.
- In order to give the Film Awards from the year 2016 to 2022, a selection committee headed by a retired Hon'ble Judge has been constituted for screening the films.

Television Awards

- Television Awards for 2009 to 2013 was distributed to 101 awardees in the function headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development Information and Publicity. 3 sovereign gold medal for each awardees,

Cheque and mementos and Certificates were also awarded to the producers of the best mega serials.

- A selection committee has been constituted and headed by the Hon'ble Justice (Rtd) for selecting best mega serials for the period of 2014 to 2022, and the screening process is being carried out.

Government Film Subsidy

- Government subsidy of Rs.7 lakh has been awarded to each good quality low- budget Tamil films.
- In order to give subsidies to good quality low-budget Tamil films produced between 2015 and 2022, a selection committee chaired by the Hon'ble Justice (Rtd) has been constituted and the selection process is being carried out.

Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute

- Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute takes the honour that it is the only institute for Film and Television established by a State Government in India. This institute teaches necessary techniques and other ancillary subjects on film and television production to students. It was a part of the Central Polytechnic Training Centre since 1945 and it was transformed into a specialised training institute in 1960.
- This institution is functioning under the Department of Information of Government of Tamil Nadu with sprawling over an area of 15.25 acres. The Diploma courses offered in this institution have been upgraded to Bachelor of Visual Arts (Cinematography/ Digital Intermediate / Audiography / Direction and Screenplay writing / Film Editing / Animation and Visual effects) affiliated with Tamil Nadu Dr. J Jayalalithaa Music and fine arts University from the academic year 2016-2017.
- This Institute was renamed as Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R Film and Television Training Institute on 09.08.2021 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The facilities in this Institute such as the shooting location with air-conditioning

facility, student hostel, court and prison has been renovated in a modern manner at a cost of Rs.5,09,00,000/- (Rupees five crore and nine lakh only)

- The Conference hall of this institute has been renovated and dilapidated buildings, batteries and infrastructural facilities have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.1,58,00,000/- (Rupees One crore and fifty eight lakh only)
- The dining hall for students and staff has been refurbished at a cost of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh only).
- In this institute, as a result of upgrading 6 courses namely cinematography, Audiography, Digital intermediate, Screenplay and Direction, film editing and visual arts to meet international standards, the ability of the students studying in this institute has been improved.
- The amount for the production of final project short films of fourth-year students has been increased from Rs.50,000 to Rs.One lakh per group.
- The studen awards from the academic year 2008-2009 to the academic year 2014-2015 were presented and honoured to 35 students, each receiving a One sovereign gold medal, Rs.5,000 in cash, a memento, and a certificate, in a ceremony presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is the Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University and Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Arts, culture and Information Department, who is the Pro-Chancellor of the university attended and celebrated the second convocation function held at the university on 21.11.2023 and distributed degree certificates to 300 graduates of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute during the academic year 2016-2020, 2017-2021, 2018-2022 and 2019-2023.
- Steps are being taken to set up 3 new film studios equipped with modern technology and commercial purpose at an estimated cost of Rs.39.33 crore.
- Following the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu of the establishment of Tamil Nadu's first world-class, state-of-the-art Film City in Kuthambakkam, Tiruvallur District spanning an area of 152 acres, the preliminary works of the same are being carried out.

Future Achievement Works for the year 2024 – 2025

- Preliminary work is underway to erect a statue of Rani Velu Nachiar, the queen of Sivagangai region and the freedom fighter who defeated the British, at Gandhi Memorial Hall Campus in Chennai at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only).
- Preliminary work is underway to erect a statue of the Maruthu brothers who ruled the Sivaganga region and fought decisively against the British for the independence of our motherland, at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only) in Sivagangai District.
- Preliminary works are underway to construct a hall with a statue in Mayiladuthurai District of

Ziegenbalg, who established the first printing press in Tamil Nadu and brought pride to Tamil.

- Preliminary work is underway to erect a statue of Sir John Hubert Marshall, who was Director General of the Department of Archaeology, who played a key role in unveiling the Indus Valley Civilization, at a cost of Rs.50 lakh in Chennai.

- Preliminary work is underway to erect a statue of Scientist G.D.Naidu in Coimbatore at an estimated cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only).

- Preliminary works are underway to erect a statue of Former President of India Bharat Ratna Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan at Tiruttani in Tiruvallur district at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only).

- Preliminary works are underway to erect a statue of Indira Gandhi, the only female Prime Minister who is hailed as the Iron Lady of India and had a strong foreign policy and initiated the Green Revolution, at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only) in Chennai.

- Preliminary work is underway to erect a statue to Pattukottai Thiyagi V.Nadimuthupillai, who took part in the Indian freedom struggle and went to prison and was called the Jawahar of South India by the public, at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only) in Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.

- Preliminary work is being done to erect a statue of S.Muthuswamy, who fought along with the Cauvery Rescue Committee and worked for the welfare of the farmers, and Former Member of Parliament for Karur, in Karur district at an estimated cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only).

- Action is being taken to ensure the administration, including security and cleaning, of the 31 Mani Mandapams / Memorial Halls under the administrative control of the Information and Public Relations Department, at a recurring cost of Rs.3.25 crore annually.

- Action is being taken to carry out maintenance work in the Mani Mandapams / Memorial Halls which are under the administrative control of the Information and Public

Relations Department at an initial cost of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five crore only.)

- “Diwan Bahadur Dravidamani Rettaimalai Srinivasan’s” birthday on 7th July is celebrated annually as a Government function in Chengalpattu District.
- Freedom Fighter martyr “Anjalai Ammal’s” birthday on 1st June is celebrated annually as a Government function in Cuddalore District.
- Sixteen heroic martyrs of Perungamanallur, Usilampatti, Madurai District who lost their lives fighting against the British is being observed annually on 3rd April as death anniversary in Madurai District.
- “Freedom fighter martyr Immanuel Sekaran’s” birth anniversary will be celebrated as a Government function on October 9th in Ramanathapuram District every year”.
- The birthday of “Allala Ilaya Nayak” will be celebrated as a Government function on the 1st day of Thai thingal in Namakkal District.
- Freedom Fighter Martyr “Ku.Mu.Annal Thango’s” birthday will be celebrated as a Government function on 13th April in Vellore District every year.
- The birth anniversary of “Ezhisai Mannar M.K.Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar” will be celebrated as a Government function on 1st March in Trichy district every year.
- The birth anniversary of “Sir A.T.Panneerselvam” will be celebrated as a Government function on 1st June in Trichy district every year.
- Tamil scholar “Dr. M. Varadarasan’s” birthday will be celebrated as a Government function on 25th April in Ranipet district every year.
- Writer “Ki. Rajanarayanan’s” birthday will be celebrated as a Government function on 19th September in Thoothukudi District every year.
- As per the announcement made in the Demand grant of Information department for the year 2024-2025, Former President Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam’s Birthday will be celebrated as a Government function on 15th October in Chennai every year and Former Chief Minister of Chennai Province Pa.Subbarayan’s Birthday will be celebrated as Government function on 11th September in Chennai every year.
- The birthday of “Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy” is celebrated annually as a Government function on 7th July in Pudukottai District.

Stationery and Printing

- A Revenue of Rs.69.78 crore by way of Printing Answer Sheets for the Universities, and by the execution of printing works to other Government Departments and Government organizations, besides getting a Revenue of Rs.4.85 crore through change of name notifications, and by the sale of Government Gazettes and a total Revenue of Rs.74.63 crore has been generated for the Government.
- As per the orde Rs.of Hon'ble Chief Minister an amount of Rs.4.55 crore has been allotted to repair and revamping the damaged Government Branch Press building at Salem, the building which houses the main printing machine at Government Central Press, Chennai, Government Branch Press building at Tiruchirapalli, Government Branch Press building at Madurai and Government Branch Press building at Vridhachalam and 100% of work have been completed. Apart from this the electrical works at an additional cost of Rs.19.83 lakhs in respect of the Building Maintenance at Government Branch Press, Virudhachalam have also been fully completed.
- During the financial year 2021-2022, a Lorry at a cost of Rs.18,00,000/- has been procured for Government Central Press, Chennai.
- Paper Bailing Machine at a cost of Rs.5,00,000/- has been procured and installed in Government Central Press, Chennai.
- The Foundation stone was laid for the construction of 96 numbers of tenement with modern facilities for the workers of

Government Press at a cost of Rs.34.54 crore at Tondiarpet, Chennai and construction work by the Public Works Department is under process.

- An announcement was issued for the construction of a quality control laboratory for the first time, for the Stationery and Printing Department at a cost of Rs.1.09 crore and Rs.55 lakh has been allotted and the construction work is being under taken by Public Works Department.

- To revamp Government Stationery Office, Chennai an amount of Rs.1,25,00,000/- has been allotted by the Government and revamping work is in progress.

- During the Financial Year 2022-2023, Four Colour Toner Based Digital production printer at a cost of Rs.1.15 crore have been procured, installed at Government Central Press, Chennai and put in use.

- 6 Nos. of Black and White Inkjet Digital Production Printer at a cost of Rs.95.89/- lakh have been procured and installed at the Government Central Press, Chennai and 5 other Branch Presses.

- 2 Nos. of Four Colour Inkjet Production Printer at a cost of Rs.59.35 lakh have been procured, installed in the Government Central Press, Chennai and put in use.

- Plastic pallets at a cost of Rs.20.59 lakh have been procured and put in use in the Government Central Press, Chennai and all the Branch Presses.

- During the Financial Year 2023-2024 one Thermal CTP Machine at the cost of Rs.2.50 crore have been procured and installed in Government Central Press, Chennai.

- During the Financial Year 2023-2024, 2 Nos. of Hydraulic Reel Loading Trolley have been procured for Government Branch Press, Salem and Virudhachalam at a cost of Rs.13.27 lakh and put in use.

- 8 Pneumatic shaft (each 4 Nos) have been procured for the use of Government Branch Press, Salem and Madurai.

- 8 Hydraulic Pallet Trolley (each 2 Nos) have been procured for the use of Government Branch Press, Salem, Madurai, Trichy and Pudukottai.

- 15 Hand Numbering Machines have additionally been procured for Government Branch Press, Madurai and put in use.
- Separate wing for the alteration / change of the name of the public has been opened in Government Branch Press, Viruddhachalam, Salem and Pudukkottai.
- In Stationery and Printing Department, appointment Orders on compassionate grounds to 14 persons have been issued.

Future Achievement Works 2024-2025

- A new sheetfed CPC 4 colour machine will be procured for Government Central Press, Chennai at a cost of Rs.9,00,00,000/- with infrastructure and electrical facilities.
- Programme Cutting Machine at a cost of Rs.85,00,000/- will be procured for Government Branch Press, Tirchy.
- Computer and Printers required for Pre Printing Section in Government Central Press, Chennai, Government Branch Press, Madurai, Salem and Pudukottai will be procured at a cost of Rs.37,33,358/-
- An Adobe CC software at a cost of Rs.14,51,400/- and Corel DRAW software at a cost of Rs.6,23,040/- required for Pre Printing Section in Government Central Press, Chennai will be procured.
- For the use of Government Central Press, Chennai a spot UV Machine at a cost of Rs.15,40,000/- will be procured.
- 3 RO Water Plant will be procured for Government Central Press, Chennai and Government Stationery Stores, Chennai at a cost of Rs.10,44,000/-.
- 4 Aluminium Ladder for Commissionerate and Government Presses and 2 Hydraulic Ladder for Government Stationery Stores will be procured at a cost of Rs.5,40,000/-.
- An Envelope Punching Machine at a cost of Rs.4,72,000/- will be procured for Government Brach Press, Trichy.
- 2 Nos. of A3 Monochrome Laser Printer at a cost of Rs.3,60,000/- will be procured for Pre Printing Section in Government Central Press, Chennai to take proof on white paper and printing of copies.
- CCTV Cameras at a cost fo Rs.3,13,585/- will be procured for Government Stationery Stores, Chennai.
- One Large format plotter type printer at a cost of Rs.2,24,200/- will be procured for Government Central Press, Chennai to take colour proof in Larger Size.
- One Polymer Rubber Stamp Making Machine (Chemical Free) at cost of Rs.2,06,500/- will be procured for the use of Government Central Press, Chennai.
- The Heritage building named Lawrence Building in the campus of O/o The Commissioner, Stationery and Printing Department will be revamped.
- A new Government Branch Press will be opened in Tiruppur Dirstrict.

Department of Art and Culture

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated the cultural events of the Department of Arts and Culture at the World Expo held in Dubai from 25.03.2022 to 31.03.2022.
- On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day celebrations, a dance drama has been staged at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 13.08.2022 in memory of freedom fighter Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar at a cost of Rs.12 lakh in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Followed by, the same has been conducted at Coimbatore and Madurai cities also.
- A grand folk Art festival 'Chennai Sangamam – Namma Ooru Thiruvizha' had been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.01.2023. The festival was conducted at 18 venues in Chennai from 14.01.2023 to 17.01.2023 with the participation about 1000 folk artistes at a cost of Rs.5.62 crore.
- Following the success of the 'Chennai Sangamam-Namma Ooru Festival', an amount of Rs.11 crore was allocated for it and decided to conduct the festival in Chennai and 8 other cities in Tamil Nadu. After being inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in Chennai on 13.01.2024, the festival was organized at 18 locations in Chennai from 14.01.2024 to 17.01.2024 with 1,500 folk artistes. Sangamam - Namma Ooru festival Art programs were also held in Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur and Tiruchirappalli with the participation of 1,720 artistes.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued order on 08.06.2021 for the grant of monthly pension for 1,000 selected economically weakened artistes through Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu provided a financial assistance of Rs.5 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to Thiru. Sairam, the grandson of the famous film artist Thiru.M.K.Thiagaraja Bhagavathar, on 02.07.2021 who is in poverty.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched the annual scheme on 14.10.2022

to provide Rs.10,000/- as financial assistance for purchasing the musical instruments and costumes to the selected 500 artistes selected through Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram from the members of Folk Artistes Welfare Board.

- Porkizhi cash award of Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram worth Rs.50,000/- has been enhanced to Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh) each and an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- have been presented to 10 artistes by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.10.2022.
- On behalf of Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram, Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed cheques of Rs.25,000/- as one-time family maintenance fund to 18 beneficiaries of the families of deceased popular artistes on 20.01.2023.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 'Innovative Women Project' (Pudhumai Pen) on 05.09.2022 and 90 female artistes and students performed Art programmes.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented Prkizhi aaward with the cash prize Rs.One lakh each and Rs.10 lakh was granted as financial support to 10 Kalaimamani Awardees on 29.09.2023 through the Iyal Isai Nataka Manram who are in poverty.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has presented Rs.50 lakh as financial assistance for purchasing of musical instruments, costumes to 500 selected artistes through Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram on 29.10.2023.
- The Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University and its affiliated colleges did not present degrees to 3,448 students who studied from 2019-2020 to 2022-2023. They were presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for Tamil Nadu during the Convocation Ceremony on 21.11. 2023.
- The new building of Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University, constructed at a cost of Rs.14.83 crore (Rupees Fourteen crore and Eighty Three lakh) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for Tamil Nadu on 08.03.2024.
- The new building of the District Government Music School, Pudukottai, constructed at a cost of Rs.One crore (Rupees One crore) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for Tamil Nadu on 08.06.2023.
- The new building of Government Music School, Sirkazhi of Mayiladuthurai District, constructed at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore (Rupees One crore and Ten lakh) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 04.03.2024.
- On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board, welfare schemes assistance was provided to 941 folk artistes totalling Rs.50 lakh (Rupees Fifty lakh). As a token, Cheques were presented to 10 folk artistes and their legal heirs by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 24.07.2024.
- The new building of the Government Music School of Cuddalore District, constructed at a cost of Rs.1.60 crore (Rupees One crore and Sixty lakh) was inaugurated on 27.11.2023 by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity.
- The Open-Air Theatre at Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University, renovated at a cost of Rs.1.43 crore (Rupees One crore and Forty Three lakh), was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity on 08.03.2024.
- Prize amount was presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity on 10.10.2023 at the Government

Museum Complex for the State Level Painting and Sculpture Competition.

Detail	Cash Prize	No. of Prizes	Total Amount
Senior Artistes	Rs.15,000/-	30	4,50,000
Junior Artistes	Rs.10,000/-	20	2,00,000

- ❖ The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity presented the Kalaichemmal Award to artistes who excel in the fine arts.

Date	Year of Kalaichemmal Award	No. of Awardees
10.10.2023	2020-2021	6
05.02.2024	From 2021-2022 to 2023-2024	18

- ❖ In Commemoration of announcing 'Chennai as Heritage Music City' by UNESCO, a music festival was organized on 05.02.2024 at a cost of Rs.10 lakh (Rupees Ten lakh) under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity.
- ❖ The Outlook News Agency has published a ranking list of the colleges that teaches cultural education in India. In this list, the Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Thiruvaiyaru ranked first, the Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Chennai ranked twelfth, and the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram is placed in the gold ranking category.
- ❖ On the occasion of the 75th year of independence, 75 videos related to 75 folk art forms were released online at a cost of Rs.1.64 crore (Rupees One crore and Sixty Four lakh).
- ❖ Painting competitions were conducted to celebrate the death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar."
- ❖ Cultural Programs were conducted by the Department of Arts and Culture, featuring tableaux titled 'Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle.' Although these tableaux were not approved by the Union Government, they were designed by the Information Department and sent to various districts of Tamil Nadu as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ An exhibition and performance featuring over 70 rare musical instruments was conducted at the Maha Shivratri festival on 01.03.2022 in Mylapore, Chennai.
- ❖ A grand folk art festival named 'Namma Ooru Thiruvizha' was organized in Chennai on 21.03.2022 featuring 500 folk artistes at a cost of Rs.91 lakh (Rupees Ninety One lakh).
- ❖ An annual allocation of Rs.75 lakh (Rupees Seventy Five lakh) has been made as a recurring scheme from the year 2021-2022 to conduct district and state Cultural competitions and organize a state Cultural festival for young artists in vocal music, painting, Bharatanatyam, folk dance, and instrumental music. District and state-level competitions are conducted and prizes are awarded.
- ❖ A calendar titled 'Poetry in Motion' was published, featuring a QR Code.
- ❖ The number of awards distributed through the District Cultural Forum has been increased from 5 to 15. Additionally, an extra allocation of Rs.53.70 lakh (Rupees Fifty Three lakh and Seventy Thousand) has been made to expand the scheme to the newly formed districts. In this manner, 525 artistes in Tamil Nadu receive District Cultural awards totalling Rs.71 lakh (Rupees Seventy One lakh) annually.
- ❖ Various cultural programs including COVID Awareness programmes, Tamil Music Festival,

Dance Festival, Drama Festival, Folk Cultural Festivals were conducted and the artistes were awarded Honarorium at a cost of Rs.44.30 lakh through the Regional Arts and Cultural Centers in the financial year 2021-2022.

- Navratri Cultural Festival in Coimbatore, Koothu Festival in Salem, Srirangam Vaikunda Ekadasi Festival, Kaniyan Koothu Cultural Festival in Tirunelveli, Tirupaavai Festival in Srivilliputhur, Margazhi Music Festival in Thanjavur, Bharathiyar birth anniversary Festival in Ettayapuram, Masi Great Festival in Dindigul, Folk Cultural Festival in Sivagangai and the 75th Independence Day Amudha Peruvizha were conducted in the financial year 2022 in association with the Southern Cultural Center.

- An amount of Rs.one crore has been allocated to organize cultural programs in parks, beaches, museums and places where people gather in Tamil Nadu and the Cultural Festival called 'Kalai Sangamam' was inaugurated at the Government Museum, Chennai on 17.09.2022 and cultural programmes were held in all Districts of Tamil Nadu on all weekends till 30.07.2023.

- New buildings with proper facilities are being constructed at a cost of Rs.15.68 crore at Government Fine Arts College, Kumbakonam as per the regulations of the All India Council for Technical Education.

- 'Brodie's Castle', a heritage building in the Tamil Nadu Government Music College located in Chennai was restored and renovated at an estimated cost of Rs.2.80 crore.

- The heritage building and other buildings of Government Fine Arts College, Chennai are being renovated at a cost of Rs.7.33 crore and the buildings in Government Fine Arts College, Kumbakonam are being renovated at a cost of Rs. one crore.

- Sculpture Museum of the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram has been upgraded and a sales counter has been set up at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- Musical instruments, electronic instruments, accessories, software and furniture have been procured and provided at a cost of Rs.6 crore to all the Music Colleges, Music Schools and Jawahar Siruvar Mandrams functioning under the Department of Arts and Culture in order to modernize and improve the quality of teaching. Computer labs, sound recording labs and other facilities have been set up.

- Spectacular cultural programmes were held at Chennai and Mamallapuram in 'G20 Education Working Group Meeting' held from 31.01.2023 to 02.02.2023 and 'G-20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting' held on 23.03.2023 and 24.03.2023 at an estimated cost of Rs.21 lakh.

- Programmes including Summer Festivals in Ooty, Kothagiri, Kodaikanal and Yercaud, Krishnagiri Mangani Vizha, Thiruttani Aadi Krithigai Vizha, Hogenakkal Aadiperukku Vizha, Dheeran Chinnamalai Vizha, Kolli Hills Valvil Ori Vizha, Dindigul Thaippoosa Vizha, Courtallam Saaral Vizha, Palani Dhandayuthapani Temple Festival, Rajarajan Sadhaya Vizha, Mamallapuram Dance Festival of India and Chess Olympiad Opening Ceremony Cultural Programme were conducted in the financial year 2022-2023 at a cost of Rs.94.61 lakh.

- Srirangam Vaikunda Ekadasi Festival, Tiruchirappalli Kazhiyooran Kaveri Festival, Kancheepuram Vayalur Festival, Thirunedungudi Maha Shivaratri Festival, Kanniyakumari Sangamam Festival, Vasantha Vizha in Chennai and the cultural performances of other state artistes in Chennai Sangam- Namma Ooru Festival were held in association with Southern Cultural Centre at

a cost of Rs.26.93 lakh in the financial year 2022-2023.

- Cultural programmes were conducted during the celebration of " Tamil Nadu Day" Function held at New Delhi, Chennai and 20 cities of Tamil Nadu.
- Skill Development training was imparted to the lecturers of Government College of Arts, Architecture and Sculpture in Anna Institute of Management at Chennai.
- Skill Development training was imparted to the lecturers and teachers of Government Music Colleges and Music Schools through best professionals.
- 33 workshops and 6 cultural exhibitions have been conducted to enhance the skills of students of Government College of Fine Arts at Chennai and Kumbakonam and Government College of Architecture and Sculpture at Mamallapuram.
- For the first time, campus interview had been conducted at Government College of Music and Fine Arts and Architecture and Sculpture and employment opportunities were provided to 173 students.
- Margazhi Isai Vizha programmes are being conducted through seven regional Art and Cultural Centres of Arts and Culture Department.
- Cultural programmes were conducted during the Celebration of 'World Tamils Day' held at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai on 11.01.2023 and 12.01.2023.
- Cultural programmes namely 'Tamil Sangam Chithirai Thiruvizha' in Chandigarh, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, 'National Lokrang Cultural festival' in Rajasthan, Jaipur, Union Government's 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, Pongal Kalai Vizha at Tamil Nadu House and State Assembly, New Delhi were conducted at a cost of Rs.33 lakh under the scheme of exchanging cultural troupes between states for the financial year 2022-2023.
- In commemoration of 75 years of the establishment of the oldest Indian diaspora associations in Malaysia, Dance programmes at Sabha, Sarvak in Malaysia, Bharatanatyam and Periyamelam programmes at Ninth World Tamils Economic Conference in Dubai were conducted at a cost of Rs.25 lakh under the scheme of cultural exchange between the countries for the financial year 2022-2023.
- Financial assistance of Rs.11.90 lakh was accorded to conduct cultural programmes in seven private cultural organisations.
- An amount of Rs.2 crore has been allocated to establish part-time folk art training centres in 25 places across the state to preserve and flourish the folk arts among people and for future generations. Totally, 100 artistes at the rate of 4 artistes in each centre and 25 co-ordinators have been appointed on part-time basis with honorarium amount of Rs.7,000.
- Government order has been issued with an allocation of Rs.85 lakh under the scheme of providing arts and culture training to the students of 100 Government Colleges inorder to promote performing arts and Fine arts among younger generation. 100 artistes are to be appointed on part-time basis with honorarium amount of Rs.6,000 per month. Art training will be imparted to the College students in Government colleges weekly twice for two hours.
- Diploma courses in Nadaswaram and Thavil have been started in Government Music College, Thiruvaiyaru and Chennai.

- With 40 Jawahar Siruvar Mandram providing part time cultural training to the school going children, 20 new additional Jawahar Children Mandrams have been started in Tamilnadu. Each Mandram consists of 4 teachers and totally 80 Arts Teachers have been appointed with Rs.4,000/ consolidated pay per month.

- On Commemoration of the centenary celebration of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in unique manner cultural programs, exhibitions at Fine arts Colleges, Government College of Architecture and Sculpture were conducted. Music Festivals at Government Music Colleges and District Government Music Schools were conducted in every district through 7 zonal Art and Cultural Centers.

- Cultural programmes on 'Panpattu pasarai' of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary Festival at state level were held at Cuddalore on 10.02.2024. In this event, an exhibition of 100 photographs and paintings of Muthamizharignar kalaignar and cultural programs were conducted at a cost of Rs.29.75 lakh.

- Various cultural festivals which includes Summer Festivals in Uthagamandalam, Kodaikanal, Yercaud, Valparai, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Jamunamarathur (Thiruvannamalai), Poompuhar Indra Festival, Krishnagiri Mangani Festival, Thiruthani Aadikritika Festival, Hogenakkal aadiperukku festival, Theeran Chinnamalai Festival, Gangaikondacholapuram Aadithiruvathirai Festival, Book Exhibitions in Tanjore, Ariyalur, Uthagamandalam, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi, Thiruvarur, Villupuram, Pongal Kalaivizhakal, Thiruparankundram Thaipoosa thiruvizha, Thiruvarur Azhi Therottam Thanjavur were conducted at an estimated cost of Rs.55.86 lakh and opportunities were given to 2773 artistes for the financial year 2023-2024 through zonal Art and Culture Center.

- Kullu Dussehra Cultural Function (kalai vizha) of Himachal Pradesh, Lokrang Festival of Jaipur, Rajasthan, Annual Day of Telungana Tamil Sangam at Hyderabad and Secundarabad and Pongal Cultural Festivals of Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi has been conducted under Interstate Cultural Exchange programme at a cost of Rs.18.23 lakh during the Financial Year 2023-2024 and Opportunities were provided to 100 artists.

- Tirunelveli Villisai vizha, Srirangam Vaikunda Ekadasi Vizha, Srivilliputhur ThiruPavai Vizha and Kumari Vizhal at Kanniyakumari was conducted in association with South Zone Cultural Centre. opportunity was provided to 186 artists through this.

- Cultural Events were organized with more than 150 artists in the G-20 Women Summit held at Mamallapuram and Finance Working Group Meeting at Chennai.

- Bharathanatiyam, Instrumental Music, Folk art events were conducted with more than 200 artists in the Disaster Management Working Group Meeting and Sustainable Energy Environmental Climate change meeting of G20 Summit.

- Managala Isai, Devaram Padal Nigazhchi (Devaram Padal Events) were conducted by 13 artists from 23.06.2023 to 25.06.2023 on behalf of the Art and Culture Department in the consecration of Kualalampur Sri Maha Mariyamman Temple, Malaysia.

- Financial Assistance of Rs.13 lakh was provided to seven cultural organizations during the financial year 2023-2024 under the scheme of providing financial assistance to Private Cultural Organizations.

- Inaugural Cultural Ceremony was conducted with more than 300 folk artists at 23 places in Chennai on 07.01.2024 at Global Investors Meet-2024.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Music and fine Arts University

- The University grant was enhanced from Rs.2.03 crore to Rs.3 crore.
- A group of 108 students from universities and Government music colleges performed traditional vocal music performances conducted at temple festivals in Chennai, Madurai, Srivilliputhur and Palani.
- Financial sanction of Rs.2.67 crore has been sanctioned to implement the program of Indian Drama Arts for Integrated Development under the 'Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives' scheme.
- A One-year diploma course in folk arts and villuppaattu (archery) was started with a financial allocation of Rs.47.76 lakh.
- An amount of Rs.1 crore has been allocated and administrative sanction has been given for setting up a Research Centre, Library and Learning Management System.

The Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram

- Annual grant of Tamil Nadu Government for The Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram has been enhanced from Rs.one crore to Rs.3 crore.
- Pongal celebrations were conducted at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh in the financial year 2022-2023.
- The office building, artistes hostel, portrait gallery and art gallery were upgraded at a cost of Rs.1.54 crore.
- Under the Inter-State Art Exchange Programme, cultural programs were held in New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bhubaneshwar and Thiruvananthapuram in the financial year 2023-2024 in which 133 artists participated.
- Cultural events were conducted in the North America Tamil Sangam Council's function held from 30.06.2023 to 02.07.2023 in which 11 artists participated.

Tamil Nadu Folk Artists Welfare Board

- An amount of Rs.28.03 lakh to 684 beneficiaries, Rs.31.19 lakh to 733 beneficiaries and Rs.51.58 lakh to 1,023 beneficiaries have been provided to the folk artists who are the members of this board under various welfare schemes during the financial year 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively.
- The annual grant of this board has been enhanced from Rs.35 lakh (Rupees thirty five lakh) to Rs.90 lakh (Rupees Ninety lakh) and an amount of Rs.9 lakh has been allocated for the purchase of furniture and machinery.

Upcoming Achievement 2024 - 2025

- A new Government College of Fine Arts will be set up to educate the traditional fine arts in Madurai at a cost of Rs.4.79 crore.
- The dilapidated old buildings in Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram will be renovated at a cost of Rs.one crore.
- An amount of Rs.45 lakh will be allocated for the procurement of computersand printers.
- An amount of Rs.17 lakh will be allocated to develop the infrastructures required for the students and renovation of statues in the campus.
- 'Kalaimamani' awardees will be permitted to travel in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses at free of cost.

Museum

- Chennai Government Museum was established in 1851. It is the second oldest museum in India. 76,848 artefacts are on display here. There are 23 District Museums functioning under the control of Department of Museums. More than five lakh visitors visit the museum annually. More than 3000 college students are given internships here for the benefit of students. Museums are doing a great job of collecting and preserving the coins, statues and models / fossils found as treasures in India. With the aim of further development of the museum department and promote this department, the Government of Tamil Nadu, which is protecting the art and culture of Tamils, is going to set up a huge "Chola Museum" .

- It is the tradition of the Cholas, who have been ruling Tamil Nadu for a very long time since the Sangam period. Cholas of the Sangam period excelled in various fields like water management, warfare, literature etc. During the later Chola period, the Chola's rule spread throughout South India and reached overseas countries like Sri Lanka and the Far East. Rajendracholan, who succeeded Rajarajan, invaded the Ganges and conquered Northern region as well.

- The pride of the Tamils stands proudly during the period of Cholas. Skyscraping Temple Towers, Dams and large lakes stands as evidences of the Chola period's excellence even today. All the fields like water management, local Government, Trade, Art, Architecture, Literature, Music, Dance etc. were eminent during the rule of the Cholas. Since Thanjavur was the capital of the Cholas for a very long period, it was announced by Government of Tamil Nadu that a "Grand Chola Museum" will be established at Thanjavur during the year 2023-2024.

- An area land with an extent of 6.39 acres has been identified within 400 meter in field No.4, Nilgiri South Garden village close to the Big Temple at Thanjavur to set up Grand Chola Museum. Preparation of detailed Project Report work to set up Grand Chola Museum are in progress.

- Also, to commemorate the contributions of freedom fighters of Tamil Nadu in the freedom struggle, "An Independence Day Museum" is to be established in Humayun Mahal at Chennai. New buildings are being constructed for the museums in Salem and Virudhunagar districts. Five acres of land has been identified in places such as Trichy, Ramanathapuram and Villupuram and new buildings are to be constructed in the museum.

- As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu's for the year 2021-2022, Rs.6,00,00,000 (Rupees Six crore) has been allocated for the restoration and development of the Madurai Gandhi Memorial Museum heritage building, with works are under progress.

- The National Art Gallery situated within the Government Museum campus in Chennai was opened to the public by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department on 06.02.2024.

- In the budget for the year 2021-2022, the installation of a three-dimensional laser sound and light show in the facade of the national

art gallery through the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation was announced at a cost of Rs.3.82 crore, with work currently under progress.

❖ In the budget for the year 2022-2023, the construction of new museums in Villupuram and Ramanathapuram Districts was announced at a total cost of Rs.10 crore. A Government order has been issued for the construction of Villupuram Museum in the first phase, at a cost of Rs.5.6 crore, with works are currently in progress.

❖ The Heritage Museum Auditorium at the Government Museum Campus in Chennai has been upgraded at a cost of Rs.3 crore. After completion of the work, the upgraded auditorium was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department on 06.02.2024.

❖ To establish a restaurant in the heritage building within the Government Museum Campus in Chennai, has been upgraded at a cost of Rs.3 crore. The work has been fully completed and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Department on 06.02.2024.

❖ Announcement has been made for the allocation of Rs.2 crore for the renovation of the Government Museum, Kancheepuram District and the works are under process.

❖ Announcement has been made for the allocation of Rs.1.4 crore for the renovation of the Government Museum, Nagapattinam District and the works are under process.

❖ A sum of Rs.50 lakh has been announced for the modernization of the chemical conservation laboratory in the Chennai

Government Museum campus and the works have been done and completed successfully.

- The repair work on the compound wall of the Chennai Government Museum campus, with an amount of Rs.45 lakh, has been completed.
- The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced the establishment of the “Great Chola Museum” (Maaperum Chozhar Arungatchiyagam) in Thanjavur during the year 2023-2024, and the preparation of a detailed project report is in progress.
- Announcement has been made for the allocation of Rs.one crore for the development of the Government Museum, Vellore District and the works are under process.
- Announcement has been made for the allocation of Rs.50 lakh to develop the Government Museum, Cuddalore District and the work is in progress.
- It has been announced to establish Independence Day Museum at “Humayun Mahal” in Chepauk, Chennai and tender has been invited and the preparation of a detailed project report is in progress.
- In event of the centenary celebration of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, over 100 programs were held across 23 district museums. As a pinnacle, an exhibition showcasing photographs and paintings of Dr. Kalaignar was inaugurated on 06.02.2024, by the Hon’ble Minister for Tamil Development Information and Publicity Department at the Contemporary Art Gallery in the Chennai Government Museum complex and has been opened for the public.
- The construction of the new Administrative Building at the Government Museum Campus Office, Chennai was carried out at a cost of Rs.4.8 crore, is on the brink of completion.

Future Achievements 2024-2025

- Financial allocation of Rs.one crore will be allocated to prepare a detailed project report for setting up thematic Galleries on Bronze Icons in the Government Museum campus, Chennai.
- A detailed project report will be prepared for the construction of a new building for the Tiruchirappalli District Government Museum with a cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- The Government Museum,Vellore District will be expanded and upgraded at a cost of Rs.2.5 crore.
- The Government Museum, Nagapattinam will be expanded with modern technology and exhibits at a cost of Rs.1.5 crore.
- A heritage building situated in Government Museum in the Cuddalore District will be expanded with modern technology and exhibits at a cost of Rupees one crore.
- The Government Museum, in Ramanathapuram District which is functioning in a rented building, will be shifted to another building and will be exhibited at a cost of Rupees one crore.
- Financial allocation of Rs.10 lakh will be allocated every year to collect rare artefacts and make Government museums a repository for future generations.

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Social Welfare including Women and Children Welfare, Orphanages and Correctional Administration, Integrated Child Development Scheme and Beggar Homes and Social Reforms & Nutritious Meal Programme

Hon’ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment

Tmt. P.Geetha Jeevan

Commissionerate of Social Welfare

Child Welfare

- Under Chief Minister’s Girl Child Protection Scheme, a sum of Rs.218.88 crore has been deposited to 87,601 beneficiaries.
- Under Chief Minister’s Girl Child protection Scheme a maturity amount of Rs.341.30 crore has been disbursed to 1,43,908 beneficiaries.
- Under Cradle Baby Scheme, in the last two years, 446 babies have been rescued. Under this scheme 7,343 Child Marriages have been stopped.

Working Women Hostel

- Working Women Hostels are being operated through Social Welfare Department in 18 districts.
- Tamil Nadu Working Women Hostel Corporation Limited (TNWWHCL) has been formed.
- In Phase 1, new working women hostels were constructed at three places in Tiruchirappalli, Guduvanchery and Tambaram to benefit 687 working women at a cost of Rs.31.07 crore. At present 415 working women have benefited.

❖ In Phase 2, new working women hostels are being constructed at 3 locations namely Hosur, Tiruvannamalai and St.Thomas Mount (Chengalpattu) to benefit 432 working women at a cost of Rs.35.86 crore through TNWWHCL.

❖ Renovation and upgradation of existing hostels at 7 locations namely Salem, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Vellore, Viluppuram, Tirunelveli and Adyar in Chennai with bed capacity of 458 were done at a total project cost of Rs.4.21 crore and being functional through TNWWHCL.

❖ These hostels are operated with enhanced amenities like CCTV, biometric access, free wifi, inverter, geyser, 24×7 security services, house keeping, online booking, etc.

❖ Tamil Nadu State Policy for Women was drafted in both English and Tamil and uploaded on the Government website, for getting opinion and suggestions from the public.

Nutritious Meal Program

❖ Retirement age of Cook and Cook Assistant working under NMP Centers has been increased from 58 years to 60 years.

❖ In order to ensure the quality, 100 noon meal centres have been issued ISO certification.

❖ Construction of Kitchen cum Store in 1,291 Nutritious Meal Centers at a total cost of Rs.69.70 crore is in progress. 1,285 works have been completed.

❖ 1,000 Noon Meal Centres have been installed with water purifier at a total expenditure of Rs.80 lakh to ensure safe drinking water.

❖ In order to cook the meals hygienically, all the Nutritious meal cook / cook assistants in 29,000 Noon Meal centres have been provided hygiene kit with 2 aprons, 1 head cap, 1 nail cutter, 5 hand towels, 6 antiseptic soaps with a total cost of Rs.1.81 crore.

❖ New Kitchen devices are being provided to 17,312 Noon Meal Centres at a total cost of Rs.25.41 crore.

❖ Commodity weighing scales have been supplied to 4,000 Noon Meal Centres at a total cost of Rs.1.64 crore.

❖ Integrated Registers have been supplied to all Noon Meal Centres at a total cost of Rs.82.76 lakh.

❖ Sweet pongal has been provided to all Noon Meal children on the eve of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's birthday.

Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme

❖ Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme was piloted in 1968 Government Primary schools and expanded to 30,992 Government Schools catering to 18.50 lakh students at a cost of Rs.404.41 crore.

❖ The Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme was successfully inaugurated on 15.07.2024 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and

expanded to the primary school children of all Government aided Schools in rural areas covering 2,20,543 children in 3,990 schools.

Special Scheme

- ❖ Under Sathiyavanimuthu Ammaiyar Free supply of Sewing Machines scheme, cost free sewing machines were provided to 4,500 beneficiaries at an expenditure of Rs.2.7 crore. 1,406 Motorised Sewing Machines and 1,406 High-end sewing machines are to be provided at an estimated value of Rs.2.01 crore.

Senior Citizen Welfare

- ❖ Grant of Rs.321.56 lakh was released to old age homes through which 2,240 elders have benefited.
- ❖ Rs.17.31 crore was released to the integrated complex for senior citizens and destitute children benefitting 3,069 elders and 2,742 Children.
- ❖ June 15 was commemorated as Elders abuse awareness day in which an expenditure of Rs.10.98 lakh was utilized to create awareness.
- ❖ International Day for older persons was celebrated at the State and District level with an expenditure of Rs.15.8 lakh and to honour senior citizens prizes were distributed.
- ❖ Under National Action Plan for Senior citizens, Rs.1.18 crore is sanctioned and the Senior Citizen Mobile App was introduced.

Pudhumai Penn Scheme

- ❖ All girl students who studied classes from 6 to 12 standard in Government schools are being paid Rs.1,000 per month. Under this scheme, 3,28,280 girl students per month have benefited with an expenditure of Rs.467.38 crore.

Tamizh Pudhalvan Scheme

- ❖ Following the success of the Pudumai Penn Scheme, the Government of Tamil Nadu is set to launch the Tamizh Pudhalvan Scheme on August 9, 2024, in Coimbatore district and the scheme will be inaugurated in other districts on the same day by elected representatives and ministers. This scheme aims to fulfill the higher education needs of male students studying in Government and Government-aided schools (Tamil Medium) in Tamil Nadu, from classes 6 to 12.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.360 crore has been allocated for the Tamizh Pudhalvan Scheme in the financial year 2024-2025.

Marriage Assistance Scheme

- ❖ Under Marriage Assistance Scheme, a sum of Rs.762.22 crore was allocated during the year 2021-2022 for providing 8 grams of 22 carat of Gold coin (Rs.379 crore) and financial assistance (Rs.383 crore) for the benefit of 94,700 beneficiaries.
- ❖ For the year 2022-2023, there are four Marriage Assistance Schemes to assist the poor Widow Women for their daughter Marriage, orphan girl marriage, Widow remarriage and Inter Caste Marriage for the marginalized and Reformatory measures for which a sum of Rs.64.69 crore has been allotted and 7,012 persons have benefited.
- ❖ During the year 2023-2024, Under Marriage Assistance Scheme, a sum of Rs.219.67 crore has been allocated for providing 8 grams of 22 carat of Gold coin (Rs.119 crore) and financial assistance (Rs.100.67 crore) for the benefit of 24,935 beneficiaries (15,328 graduates and 9,607 non-graduates).

Free Bus Travel for Women and Transgenders

- ❖ All Women to travel in town buses with cost free tickets. 482.34 crore trips have been availed by women with an expenditure of Rs.7,720.39 crore.
- ❖ Transgender who possess Transgender identity cards can travel in town buses with cost free

tickets. 29.12 lakh trips have been availed with an expenditure of Rs.4.65 crore.

Covid-19 Relief Fund

- As Covid-19 relief fund for transgenders, out of which Rs.3.40 crore has been distributed to all districts in 2 phases, 8,493 transgenders in 1st phase and 8,591 transgenders in 2nd phase have benefited by getting Rs.2,000 each.

Transgender Welfare

- The financial assistance of Rs.1,000 is given as monthly pension for the destitute Transgender above 40 years and for this, a sum of Rs.3.13 crore has been utilized and 2,382 destitute transgender have benefited.
- The monthly pension to Transgenders has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500. A sum of Rs.2.36 crore has been allotted and 1,482 transgenders are benefiting from it.
- Under the Transgender Self-Employment Grant Scheme, a sum of Rs.3 crore has been sanctioned every year. 617 transgenders have receiveded upto Rs.50,000 each for starting their business.

Integrated Child Development Services

- While filling the post of Anganwadi worker, Mini worker, Anganwadi helper 25 per cent of the posts are reserved for widows and destitute widows.
- Anganwadi Helper Retirement age has been raised from 58 years to 60 years.
- If an Anganwadi Mini worker / Helper died during their service, their Qualified Legal Heir Daughter is appointed as Anganwadi Worker under Compassionate grounds.
- The Anganwadi mini workers who have successfully completed 5 years of service are promoted as Main Anganwadi Workers.
- Supply of Uniform Sarees with sleeveless overcoat through Government e-Marketing (GEM) portal for all the Anganwadi Employees at the rate of Rs.500 per set is being done.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bhima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bhima Yojana insurance schemes, the Government has released funds worth Rs.3.85 crore to the Anganwadi Employees.
- Around 22 lakh children in the age group below 6 months to 6 years and around 6 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers are provided ICDS Food Supplement (Sathu Mavu) with BIS IS 11536:2022 standards, in two different composition for 300 days in a year under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
- ICDS Food Supplement (Sathu Mavu) is provided to 42,000 Adolescent Girls in Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts for 300 days in a year.
- Fortified biscuit is also being provided to around 56,000 severely Malnourished children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years.
- An amount of Rs.7.76 crore has been sanctioned for the provision of Electricity facility to 7,757 Anganwadi centres at Rs.10,000 each.
- An amount of Rs.18.17 crore has been sanctioned to enhance the rent of 7,228 Anganwadi Centres functioning in rental buildings.
- Annual Maintenance cost of Rs.38.05 crore at Rs.3,000 per centres was sanctioned to the Anganwadi centres functioning in Government owned buildings.
- Two sets of ready made uniforms were provided to the children in the age group of 2 to 6 years attending pre-school in anganwadi centres in all districts at a total cost of Rs.58.88 crore.

- 800 Anganwadi centres in two aspirational districts viz., Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts have been upgraded as Saksham Anganwadi by providing LED TV, Wi-fi, Rain water Harvesting structures, Water filter / RO, and establishment of nutritional garden at a total cost of Rs.6.59 crore.
- Pre-school kit materials to all Anganwadi centres were provided at a total cost of Rs.53.76 crore.
- A Special Growth Monitoring Campaign was initiated under "Oottachathai Uruthi Sei" scheme in which the Severly Malnourished children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years were provided with Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) at Rs.18.68 crore.
- The per day feeding cost for vegetables, salt and Condiment and fuel for the preparation of Hot Cooked Meal to the children in the age group of 2 to 6 years benefited through Noon Meal Scheme in Anganwadi centres has been enhanced to Rs.2.39.
- 8.35 lakh Self Monitoring Tool copies were supplied to the Mothers and Caregivers of 0-2 years old children.
- 9.79 lakh copies of Caregiver Manual named Learning through Play Books were supplied to the Mothers and Caregivers of 0-3 years old children.
- Assessment Cards, Activity Books (2-3, 3-4 & 4-5 years), Preschool Completion Certificates, Child Profiles and 9,79,902 Learning through Play Books for 0-3 years children have been printed and supplied to the AWCs at a total cost of Rs.4.80 crore.
- The Government has issued orders for conducting 37 batches of Sector Level Training on ECCE to AWWs (Phase-I) at a cost of Rs.25.16 lakh.

- As an initiative, TN-ICDS application was introduced in co-ordination with TNeGA and in the first phase, all the children born in Tamil Nadu registered in the PICME app of the Health Department will be pooled in the TN-ICDS app and growth will be monitored. Action is being undertaken to integrate all Anganwadi services for Real Time Monitoring.
- 9 coaches in EMU train have been hired from Southern Railway to advertise Nutrition and Health messages for one year at the rent of Rs.25 lakh. An amount of Rs.6.91 lakh has been earmarked for printing and pasting vinyl sticker and related activity.
- Hand washing is an easy technique to combat anaemia. To conduct awareness campaigns are conducted through mobile vans, street plays, pommalattam and by screening short films on Hand Washing and Cleanliness, Healthy personnel habits like cutting of nails and Anaemia in 20 Districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.4.75 crore.
- For 434 localities, 1,000 ICT based growth monitoring devices have been procured at a cost of Rs.85 lakh to monitor low birth weight children app integrated with the height weight measurement, and distributed to all the Blocks of the State for monitoring children.
- To create awareness on ICDS services, to ensure the proper reach to the antenatal mother and postnatal mother, parents of children below 6 years who are the beneficiaries of ICDS, and to receive feedback and educate them, Beneficiary Support Centre has been established at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- To register the details of children and mother's who are benefitting through Anganwadi centres under ICDS and for real time monitoring, 6,640 mobile phones have been provided at a cost of Rs.5.08 crore.
- For the Growth Monitoring of new born babies benefited under ICDS, Infantometer for 18,573 centres, Stadiometer for 40,241 centres to monitor height of children and adolescent girls, Mother and child digital weighing scale for 41,789 centres, Infant weighing scale for 18,573 centres, have been provided at a cost of Rs.25.63 crore.

Department of Children Welfare and Special Services

- A sum of Rs.5 lakh per child is deposited in the name of the child who lost both parents either due to Covid-19 or one parent deceased earlier and another parent due to Covid-19 and the deposited amount will be paid to the child with accrued interest when he/she completes 18 years of age. 382 Children have benefited at a cost of Rs.19.10 crore.
- A sum of Rs.3 lakh has been given to the surviving father or mother of the child who had lost either father or mother due to Covid-19 as immediate relief. 13,740 Children have benefited at a cost of Rs.412.20 crore and 9 children of Sri Lankan Refugees were benefited at a cost of Rs.27 lakh and in total Rs.412.50 crore has been issued.
- A maintenance grant of Rs.3,000 per month has been given for a child who had lost both parents and living with his relative/guardian without being admitted in any registered Child Care Institutions or Government hostels. 368 Children have benefited at a cost of Rs.2.95 crore.
- Creation of the "Tamil Nadu Child Victim Compensation Fund" and guidelines for the rehabilitation of the children who are victims affected under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012, the Government has sanctioned a sum of

Rs.44.99 crore to provide compensation to 2,445 children.

- To encourage alternative care to children in families instead of placing children under institutional care, the financial assistance from State fund of Rs.2,000 per child every month for 3 years is being given for 3,272 waitlisted children under the Sponsorship Scheme at a cost of Rs.6.19 crore during the years from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024.
- Establishment of "Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment" in association with UNICEF to provide training to Stakeholders related to the Child Protection Services is being conducted. Rs.27 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of new building for this centre in Athur, Chengalpattu District and construction works have been started.
- The Government has issued the "Tamil Nadu State Child Protection Policy 2021" for the overall well-being of children.
- Establishment of De-addiction Centres at Chennai and Tirunelveli to control the habit of consuming drugs among the children of these Districts at a cost of Rs.21.54 lakh. The Government had also established three 15 bedded De-addiction Centres exclusively for children at Chennai (Girls), Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs.68.87 lakh. So far, 427 children have benefited under these centres.
- The Government has issued orders to create District Child Protection Units, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee in the six newly created Districts. District Child Protection Unit was constituted and it is functioning in six newly created Districts and Child Welfare Committee was constituted and functioning.
- Construction of New Building for "Place of Safety" in Chengalpattu District at a cost of Rs.15.95 crore.
- Additional District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in Chennai District was constituted at a cost of Rs.68.53 lakh and functioning.
- Establishment of Career Guidance Centre for the Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in 6 Districts where more number of Child Care Institutions are located in the state was done at a cost of Rs.48.24 lakh and they are functioning.
- The Government issued Order for Providing 270 days leave for child maintenance to woman who gives birth to the child through surrogacy.
- The Government has accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.63.52 lakh for Providing additional safety compound wall arrangement for Observation Home in the Government Children Home campus at Thanjavur.
- The Government has issued Order for Providing Smart Board to 34 Government Children Homes under the control of Directorate of Social Defence at a cost of Rs.55 lakh. Smart Boards are procured and brought to the usage of children.
- The Government has accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.6.23 lakh for 12 Resource Centres functioning in 12 Districts.
- Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM) Training is being conducted as 2 years course by Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tamil Nadu. A Total of 63 seats are allotted for female students. 30 students have been joined in private hospitals after completion of the ANM training.

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Fisheries, Fisheries Development Corporation and Animal Husbandry

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries – Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry

Thiru. Anitha R.Radhakrishnan

Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare

Marine Fisheries

- 158 fishing boats which were apprehended and could not be salvaged even after the boat was released by Sri Lankan Government and are still under the custody of Sri Lanka, Rs.5 lakh each to 129 mechanised fishing boat owners and Rs.1.50 lakh each to 26 country boat owners and a total of Rs.6.84 crore has been sanctioned and released from the Chief Ministers Public Relief Fund to the fishermen.
- Daily relief Assistance for missing fishermen families was increased from Rs.250 to Rs.350 per day (upto Rs.10,500 month) is being provided.
- An amount of Rs.4.10 crore is sanctioned to provide relief assistance of Rs.2 lakh each for 205 deceased fishermen families who died during the Non insurance coverage period (01.06.2020-18.10.2021). A relief amount was given to 173 eligible deceased fishermen's legal heir out of 205, In this 172 deceased fishermen's legal heirs have been given Rs.2 lakh each and

Rs.One lakh for one permanently disabled fishermen, a total amount of Rs.3.45 crore were released.

- Revolving fund has been created for Rs.One crore to provide relief assistance of Rs.2 lakh each for 25 fishermen families who were found missing due to natural calamities and Rs. 50 lakh to provide relief assistance to the affected fishermen in the future.

- Fisherman named Rajkiren S/o Raasu from Pudukottai District, Kottapattinam fishing village died in a collision with a Sri Lankan Navy patrol boat, relief compensation of Rs.50,000 each was provided to legal heirs of Rajkiren, Mrs. Brinda (wife) and Mrs. Aravalli (mother) for a total amount Rs.One lakh.

- On 21.10.2022, 5 fishermen from Mayiladuthurai district and, a fishermen from Nagapattinam district sustained minor injuries from firing by the Indian Navy during patrolling, they were provided a compensation of Rs.20,000 each making a total compensation of Rs.1.20 lakh.

- On 21.10.2022, Mr.K.Veeravel S/o Kasirajan, Fisherman from Mayiladuthurai District was seriously injured in firing by the Indian Navy while on patrol, he was provided a compensation of Rs.2 lakh and Thiru. Maria Jesin Das S/o Yesudasan Fisherman from Kanniyakumari District was detained by Indonesian Navy and died during custody on 20.05.2022 A relief compensation of Rs.3 lakh was provided to his family members.

- Mr.Mukindhan (A) Chinras, a fisherman from Keechangkuppam Village, Nagapattinam District drowned while going for fishing in the sea. A compensation of Rs. One lakh was given to his family.

- Liransho S/o Clawrance a resident of Ezhudesam Village, Killiyur Taluk, Kanniyakumari District, died while fishing in Muscat. A compensation of Rs.2 lakh was provided to his family

- For providing 6 months special coaching for Fisher youth to enable them to excel in competitive exams for joining in the Indian Civil Services at All India Civil Service Examination Coaching Centre an amount of Rs.2.93 lakh has been sanctioned to 26 fisher youths.

- Fishing ban period relief assistance of Rs.5,000 each was given to 5,15,903 fishermen families Rs.257.94 crore.

- Government has issued orders for enhancement of Special allowance to marine fishermen families during fishing ban period from Rs.5,000 to Rs.6,000 each. Relief assistance of Rs.330.95 crore was disbursed to 5,51,609 marine fishermen.

- Government has accorded administrative sanction for implementing the National Fishermen Saving Cum Relief Scheme as state scheme from the year 2022-2023. An amount of Rs.123.62 crore was disbursed to 4,13,360 fishermen. Further, for the year 2023-2024 State Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.63.39 crore. So far relief amount of Rs.42.07 crore has been disbursed to 1,40,256 marine fishermen of 11 coastal districts Thiruvallur to Ramanathapuram.

- Under Savings cum relief scheme for marine fisherwomen, an amount of Rs.123.68 crore

was disbursed to 4,13,402 fisherwomen. For the year 2023-2024 Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.61.77 crore being State Government contribution. So far relief amount of Rs.40.71 crore has been disbursed to 1,35,713 marine fishermen of 11 coastal districts.

❖ Under the scheme of Motorization of Traditional crafts, in the year 2022-2023, 2,591 Outboard motor/In Board Engine was distributed to traditional fishermen 40 percent subsidy assistance totaling an amount of Rs.9.60 crore. Further, for the year 2023-2024 Government have accorded administrative sanction for distribution of 1000 OBM/IBE to traditional fishermen at an estimated total project cost of Rs.12 crore with 40 percent subsidy assistance of Rs.4.80 crore. Supply of OBM/IBE is in progress.

❖ Government have accorded administrative approval for supply of 40,000 life jackets to the traditional country craft fishermen at an estimated cost of Rs.6 crore with 75 percent subsidy assistance. After selection of beneficiaries, Life jackets will be supplied with subsidy assistance of Rs.4.50 crore.

❖ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funded by Central and State Government, under this scheme funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.1.42 crore to the fisherwomen of Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari Districts for undertaking Seaweed cultivation in rafts and monolines as an alternative livelihood activity to improve their socio - economic status. So far Rs.1.42 crore has been released to 1,311 fisherwomen as subsidy.

❖ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funded by Central and State Government, under this scheme funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.23 lakh to the fishermen belonging to Thiruvallur, Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi Districts to carryout Open sea cage farming as an alternative livelihood activity to improve their socio-economic status. Under this scheme

so far Rs.21.99 lakh has been released to 30 fisherfolk as subsidy for establishment of open sea cage farming.

- With the financial assistance of Union and State Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.12 lakh for the establishment of 2 marine finfish nurseries in Mayiladuthurai and Ramanathapuram District. So far Rs.5.50 lakh has been released as subsidy for one unit.

- With the financial assistance of Union and State Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.1.08 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Establishment of open sea cage culture" for 50 units. So far, Rs.15.58 lakh has been released to 12 units as subsidy amount for the establishment of open sea cage culture.

- With the financial assistance of Union and State Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.1.87 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of Biofloc ponds for Brackish water/Saline/Alkaline areas including inputs" for 25 units. So far, Rs.39.03 lakh has been released to 6 beneficiaries as subsidy amount for the construction of biofloc ponds in brackishwater/alkaline/saline areas.

- With the financial assistance of Union and State Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.3.42 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the"Construction of New Pond for Brackishwater Aquaculture" for 100 ha. So far, Rs.15.61 lakh has been released to beneficiaries as subsidy amount for 4 beneficiaries.

- With the financial assistance of Union and State Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) funds have been allocated to the tune of Rs.2.56 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for providing "Inputs for the newly constructed Brackishwater Aquaculture" for 100 ha. So far, Rs.12.01 lakh has been released to beneficiaries as subsidy amount for 4 beneficiaries.

Inland Fisheries

- 194.56 crore early fry fish seeds were produced from 10 Government fish seed production centers which are under the control of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.

- 25.49 crore fingerlings were produced from 39 Government fish seed rearing centers, which are under the control of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department.

National Agriculture Developmental Programme (NADP)

- Under National Agriculture Developmental Programme (NADP), the Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.25.25 lakh for "Promotion of Poly culture of Indian Major Carps and Scampi in existing Multi Purpose Farm Ponds" and the scheme has been successfully completed.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.75.75 lakh "To Improve the water retention efficiency through HDPE lining for

fish culture in farm ponds" and the scheme has been successfully completed.

- ❖ The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.30.30 lakh "To Provide Input assistance for Murrel Fish culture in farm ponds" to the farmers and the scheme has been successfully completed.
- ❖ The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.4.50 crore "To Establish Genetically Improved Farmed Tilapia (GIFT) Seed Rearing centre" at Government fish seed farm Barur in Krishnagiri District.
- ❖ "Renovation of Anaimaduvu Government fish farm in Salem District" at a total project cost of Rs.70 lakh has been successfully completed.
- ❖ "Improvement works in Chittar-II Government fish farm in Kanniyakumari District" at a total project cost of Rs.32 lakh has been successfully completed.
- ❖ "Improvement of Government fish farm at Pechiparai Dam in Kanniyakumari District" at a total project cost of Rs.20 lakh has been successfully completed.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

- ❖ The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries under PMMSY for the establishment of 2 New Freshwater Finfish Hatcheries in Thanjavur and Tiruvarur District and the scheme is successfully completed. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.95 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries under PMMSY for the establishment of 8 New Freshwater Finfish Hatcheries and the works are in progress.
- ❖ The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.32.20 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries under PMMSY for the establishment of 10 ha of Fish Seed Rearing ponds and the scheme is successfully completed. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.194.40 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries under PMMSY

for the establishment of 50 ha. of Fish Seed Rearing ponds and the works are in progress.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.5.06 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of New Grow out Fish Culture Ponds and providing inputs subsidy for fresh water aquaculture" in 100 ha. and this scheme has been successfully completed. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.4.48 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of New Grow out Fish Ponds and providing Inputs subsidy for fresh water aquaculture" in 85 ha and the works are in progress.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.32 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of 10 Bio-floc ponds for freshwater areas including inputs" and the scheme has been successfully completed. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.3.60 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of 100 Bio-floc ponds for freshwater areas including inputs" and the works are in progress.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.69 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Establishment of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) for fresh water fish culture" and the scheme has been successfully completed.

- The Government has sanctioned a project on 'Establishment of Fish Brood Bank" in Lalpet, Cuddalore District and Ramanathi, Tenkasi District at a total project cost of Rs.10 crore and the scheme has been successfully completed.

- The Government has sanctioned a project on "Integrated Development of Reservoirs" in 5 reservoirs at a total project cost of Rs.11.08 crore and the works are nearing completion.

- River ranching of native fish species carried out at a total project cost of Rs.1.24 crore. Through this 40 lakh fingerlings has been ranched in Cauvery, Bhavani and Thamirabarani.

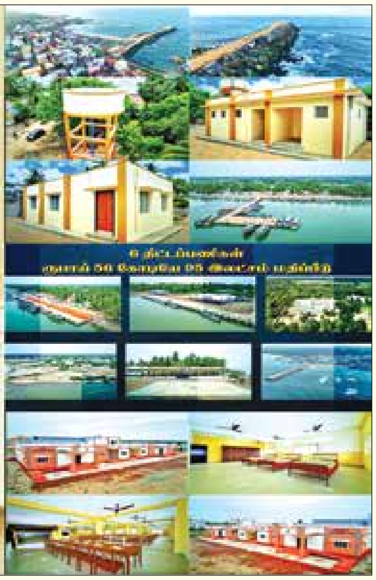
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.22 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the establishment of "Fish Feed Mills: 3 units of Mini Mills of production capacity of 2 ton/ Day and Fish Feed Mills: 1 Unit of Large Mills of production capacity of 20 ton/ Day and the works are in progress.

- River ranching of 40 lakh fingerlings of native fish species at a total project cost of Rs.1.20 crore has been sanctioned. Ranching of fingerlings has been completed in Cauvery, Bhavani, Thamirabarani Rivers and its tributaries.

- The Government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.1.10 crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Construction of New Grow out Fish Ponds and providing Inputs subsidy for fresh water aquaculture" in 20 ha.

- The Government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.12 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the "Establishment of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) for fresh water fish culture" in 3 units.

- The Government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.94.50 lakh as



subsidy to the beneficiaries for "Construction of 25 units of Bio-floc ponds for freshwater areas including inputs".

- The Government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.18 lakh as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the establishment of "Fish Feed Mills: 1 unit of Mini Mills of production capacity of 2 ton/ Day".

Ornamental fish culture

- Under the PMMSY scheme, Govt have sanctioned subsidy amount of Rs.7.71 crore towards the construction of backyard ornamental, medium scale and integrated ornamental fish rearing unit and the scheme is under progress.

Fish transportation and marketing

- Under the PMMSY scheme, Govt have sanctioned subsidy amount of Rs.17.47 crore towards the purchase of Insulated vehicle, refrigerated vehicle and live fish vending centres and the scheme is under progress.

State Fund

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.One crore as subsidy to inland fishermen for purchase of fishing implements and the scheme is nearing completion.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.One crore as subsidy to the beneficiaries for the scheme on "Input assistance to the farmers for promotion of fish culture in multi-purpose farm ponds" for 550 units and the scheme is nearing completion.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TN-IAMP)

- Under World Bank funded Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TN-IAM Project), various inland fisheries activities are being carried out to the tune of Rs.1.97 crore.

Infrastructure Facilities

- The work of Construction of additional berthing facilities at Nagapattinam Fishing Harbour in Nagapattinam district is being

carried out at a cost of Rs.81 crore under FIDF Funding.

- Modernisation of Existing Fish Landing centre at Nettukuppam and Thazhankuppam in Chennai district, Arangankuppam and Goonankuppam in Thiruvallur District and Dredging the basin area at Colachel Fishing Harbour in Kanniyakumari District are being carried out at a cost of Rs.31 crore under PMMSY Scheme.

- Providing Additional Berthing facilities at new ferries in Vivekanandar rock, Kanniyakumari boat boarding point in Kanniyakumari district is being carried out at a cost of Rs.7 crore under State Fund.

- Consultancy services for conducting various model studies and preparation of Techno Economic Feasibility Report and Preparation of DPR for Construction of Fishing Harbour at Thangachimadam in Rameswaram district at a cost of Rs.20 lakh, Construction of Groynes in Fish Landing Centres at Pamban North at a cost of Rs.20 lakh, Construction of RMS Wall at a cost of Rs.50 lakh in Guntakal Fish Landing centre totalling to a cost of Rs.90 lakh are being carried out under State Fund.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation (TNFDC)

- Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation has delivered 40,094 kgs good quality fish at a total value of Rs.2.39 crore at the door steps of 27,130 customers against orders received from through e-Mail and mobile App.

- Through Modern fish stalls and Mobile fish units, 1,528.45 tonnes of fish sold and earned revenue of Rs.45.74 crore.

- TNFDC has supplied 1,53,556 KL of Tax exempted high speed Diesel to the Marine Fishermen.

- TNFDC has supplied 19,869 KL subsidized and tax exempted industrial Kerosene to 3,647 marine fishermen.

- Through Reservoir fish landings, 2,232.94 tonnes of fish caught and revenue generated for an amount of Rs.17.34 crore through Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation.

Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-Operative Federation Ltd.,

- TAFCOFED has supplied 19,322 KL of subsidized Industrial Kerosene through 14 Kerosene outlets at a total subsidy amount of Rs. 95.06 crore to 2,404 traditional motorized fishing crafts in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts.

- TAFCOFED has supplied 67,917 KL of Sales tax exempted diesel to 4,348 mechanized fishing boats and 762 motorized fishing crafts through 17 Diesel bunks established in coastal districts at a total Profit amount of Rs. 15.49 crore.

- Under NADP scheme, TAFCOFED has supplied accessories for fish marketing such as crates for fish storage, weighing machine, umbrella and mat for sun drying of fish to 100 Fisherwomen groups engaged in fish drying and marketing at 60% subsidy at a total cost of Rs.8.77 lakh.

- TAFCOFED has provided Rs.1.68 crore as micro credit to 955 Fisherwomen engaged in fishery products preparation and seaweed farming.
- Under Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP), Ice plants have been constructed at a total cost of Rs.8.80 crore in 5 places .
- Under PMMSY Scheme, TAFCOFED has implemented the beneficiary oriented schemes viz. Supply of Two wheeler fitted with Ice boxes to 725 beneficiaries at a subsidy of Rs.2.31crore, 27 Three wheeler with Ice boxes at a subsidized cost of Rs.38.95 lakh, 3 Fish kiosks for fish retail marketing at a subsidy rate of Rs.12 Lakh and supplied 2 Insulated Vehicles at a subsidy of Rs.13.53 lakh to the beneficiaries.
- TAFCOFED have supplied 333 OBM/IBM engines in State Scheme to the beneficiaries of Kanniyakumari district at a total subsidy of Rs.1.44 crore.
- Ice Box, life jackets, lifebuoy and fishing hooks worth Rs.1.33 crore have been sold through the Co-operative stores for the fishermen at a reasonable price.

Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board

- Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board has provided relief/assistance claims to 12,312 members for an amount of Rs.16.09 crore.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University

State Government's "Pudhumai Penn scheme"

- A total of 68 girl students of the university benefitted from the Tamil Nadu Government Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme under the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme.

State Government's 'Naan Muthalvan' Scheme

- To create awareness among the students about fisheries education, prospects and placement details under the caption "Kalluri kanavugal',

an exhibition was organized in Chennai, in which more than 10,000 students benefitted.

Fishermen wards benefitted from 5% and 15% fishermen quota

- A total of 77 students who are wards of Fishermen benefitted from the fishermen quota.

Building Infrastructure Established under State Government funds

- A newly constructed building for the Paraprofessional Institute of Vocational Training in Aquaculture at Muttukadu, Chengalpattu District for a budget of Rs.7.31crore and Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture at Jeeyapuram, Tiruchirappalli District for a budget of Rs.2.50 crore.

- Teaching and non-teaching staff quarters for Dr.M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru, Nagapattinam district for a budget of Rs.4.20 crore and first floor over the existing building of College of Fisheries Engineering for TNFU Campus at Nagapattinam district for a budget of Rs.9 crore.

- The main building of the Co-Professional Fisheries Technology Center at Madhavaram, constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.1.50 crore with the assistance of the Tamil Nadu Government.

- Additional infrastructure facility of Hostel (Girls & Boys) First Floor and Second floor at Dr M.G.R Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thalainayeru with the funding support of NABARD RIDF for Rs.6.39 crore.

- Inauguration of Long liner cum Gill netter Deep Sea Training Boat with the State Government funding support for Rs.1.60 crore in Tuticorin District.

- Office cum Laboratory and Training Hall at Mandapam Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture at Seeniappadharga for Rs.1.17 crore and Laboratory Complex with Training Hall at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi for Rs.One crore with the funding support of NADP.

- Gents Hostel Block for Rs.7.30 crore and Ladies Hostel Block for Rs.7.30 crore at the College of Fisheries Engineering, TNJFU Campus, Nagapattinam with the funding support of NABARD RIDF.

Schemes Sanctioned under State Government funds

- During the year 2021-2022, the state government has granted funds with a total of Rs.4.76 crore for 4 projects sponsored by NADP, which are currently ongoing.

- The State Government have sanctioned Rs.4.14 crore for the projects through TANII and state funds sponsorship which are ongoing in two different campuses of the university for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

- In the year 2023-2024, a project value of Rs 1.75 lakh was sanctioned for the project titled Evaluation of bacterial consortium for the treatment of Ammonia and nitrite in aquaculture wastewater. This project was sponsored by TNSCST.

Ongoing Schemes:

- At present, 35 ongoing projects from different funding agencies with a total outlay of Rs.31.07 crore are in operation. A total amount of Rs.3.46 crore was received for the implementation of the 13 projects from the funding agencies during the fiscal year 2023 - 2024.
- Six NADP projects for the year 2021-2022 were sanctioned for a total cost of Rs.8.82 crore and Rs.26.09 crore has been sanctioned for the additional infrastructure facilities through NABARD funding support.

Education:

- 414 students received their degree certificates from the Hon'ble Governor/Chancellor of Tamil Nadu. Among them, 23 students received their awards/medals.
- The Eighth Convocation of TNFU, 383 graduates received their certificates. Among them, 15 candidates were awarded 38 medals received.
- 349 Undergraduates, 16 Postgraduates and 03 Ph.D., students passed out during the year 2022-2023.
- During the academic year 2023-2024, 306 students were admitted to various undergraduate programmes, 32 students were admitted to postgraduate programmes and 09 students were admitted to Ph.D., programmes. The overall strength of this University at present is 1,451 students.

Student's achievement:

- 33 students have been selected in the All India Entrance Examination 2022 conducted by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and have appeared in the rank order list for Masters admissions and have been admitted to Masters and PhD courses in Central and State Agricultural Universities in other states.

New Technologies Released:

- 14 new Technologies were developed in TNJFU and the same were released during PONGAL FESTIVAL.

Important Salient Findings:

- Impact of the installation of Artificial Coral Reef and Fish Aggregating Artificial Coral Reef under the funding support of the TANII scheme, enhanced fish landing along the Pulicat Lake from 1.2 to 12 tonnes per month
- Designed and developed online blogs and mobile Android applications for the identification and conservation of turtle species.
- Two products incorporated seaweed edible coffee cups and ice cream cone products were developed.

Technology commercialised through research outcome

- The marine products incubation forum of Fisheries College and Research Institute commercialized seaweed incorporated

cosmetic products and created 27 entrepreneurs in the manufacturing of seaweed-based beauty products.

- The technology on Advanced packaged Fish gravy has been commercialized for Rs.50,000 to Britto Sea Food, Thoothukudi and five flavoured shrimp products were commercialized for Rs.One lakh to Vantage Nutriments, West Bengal.

Service to the Fishermen, farmers and Field staff:

- A total of 152 fishermen benefitted from the Two training centers have been created under the Government of Tamil Nadu funded project "Establishment of Deep sea fishing technology and Management Centres at Thoothukudi and Thoothoor" with a budget outlay of Rs.3.82 crore.

- Overall 150 fishermen were trained on the care and maintenance of marine engines, safety of fishermen at sea and boat maneuvering skills by the deep sea fishing research and training vessel that was recently launched by the University in Thoothukudi in the year 2022-2023.

- The Boat Driving License was issued to 31 fishermen in collaboration with the District Skill Development Authority as part of the training programme.

- 1,897 participants including fish farmers, fishermen, fisherwomen entrepreneurs and other stakeholders were trained in fishing technologies through 65 Training programmes conducted by the University throughout the state.

- To encourage fish farmers, the University has established a Digital Blue hub, an e-extension centre at a budget of Rs.50 lakh funded by NADP and generated 25 digital content about fisheries and aquaculture technologies.

- Hands-on Training for 47 field staff of the State Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare to identify quality fish seeds and an Awareness program for 193 fish farmers from various districts on Good Management practices were conducted.

- On-board training to 3,759 beneficiaries including fishermen from Ramanthapuram, Pudukottai, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari on Deep Sea Fishing and technologies under the NADP's funded project focusing on Deep Sea Fishing Technology and Management was completed.

- Totally 1,744 Inland farmers including women were trained in the freshwater fish culture and shrimp culture techniques through Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (IFAF)

- Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam and Asian Fisheries Society (Indian branch) jointly organized the 12th Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum. 741 delegates from various Central and State fisheries institutes participated and the "Fish Farmers Meet" was also conducted on the last day where in 200 fish farmers from various States participated.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

- Through the Veterinary Institutions functioning all over the State 10.99 crore treatments, 71.66 lakh first aid, 12.03 crore vaccinations, 11.06 crore deworming and 1.45 crore artificial inseminations were carried out in livestock and Poultry

- 125 demonstrative silage units were established in the farmers field at an outlay of Rs.1.17 crore in the rainfed areas for encouraging farmers to produce silage by themselves by preserving the seasonal surplus green fodder and assuring the availability of green fodder during lean period to feed their cattle.

- Four entrepreneurs were developed each in Coimbatore, Salem,Tirunelveli and Tiruvannamalai to take up commercial green fodder production by providing 25 percent subsidy of Rs.10.50 lakh to establish silage bale making unit on commercial lines to meet out the demand in their respective regions.

- In order to bring more area under fodder cultivation a pilot scheme on intercropping in orchards / Plantations, in all districts except Chennai, The Nilgiris and Nagapattinam was implemented by providing an incentive of Rs.3,000 per acre for intercropping with perennial fodder grasses/cereals in orchards/Plantations, So far, 4,000 acres of fodder crop has been cultivated benefiting 5,377 farmers.

- In order to have updated knowledge on fodder production and nutrition management an advanced 5 days training was imparted to 60 officials in Indian Grass land and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI), Jhansi at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.

- 1.13 crore fodder slips have been produced in the Department farms and distributed to the farmers.

- 1,938 lambs, 1,566 kids of genetically proven breeds, 2,256 piglets and 231 calves have been sold to the cattle breeders for the benefit of the farmers through livestock farms.

- 1.54 crore of frozen semen straws have been produced and used all over Tamil Nadu.
- 2,154 Mecheri lambs were supplied to livestock breeders.
- Through Embryo Transfer and in-vitro Fertilization Technology at District Livestock Farm, Hosur, 78 calves have been produced.
- 4.10 lakh livestock units were insured at a cost of Rs.18.87 crore.
- Invitro Fertilization and Embryo Transfer Projects have been started at District Livestock Farm, Hosur, Krishnagiri District at a cost of Rs.4.55 crore. A total of 83 calves have been produced.
- Under the Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme Phase-II, frozen semen of high yielding bulls were utilised to inseminate 15.54 lakh cows and buffaloes of 11.33 lakh cattle breeders, Phase-III, to inseminate 13.66 lakh cows and buffaloes of 13.07 lakh cattle breeder and Phase-IV, inseminate 18.81 lakh cows and buffaloes of 9.55 lakh cattle breeder.
- At the District Livestock Farm in Udhagamandalam, sex sorted semen production facilities are created to produce 7.20 lakh sex-sorted semen in three years at a cost of Rs.47.50 crore. A total of 1,570 artificial inseminations with sex-sorted semen have been carried out.
- Vaccination under NADCP, a total of 2.57 crore eligible bovines were vaccinated against FMD.
- Under the National Animal Disease Control Programme, 11.02 lakh heifer calves 4 to 8 months were vaccinated against Brucellosis.
- In Tamil Nadu, about 89.76 lakh Livestock were vaccinated against Anthrax, Haemorrhagic septicemia, Black Quarter and Sheep pox diseases under the ASCAD scheme.
- About 52.49 lakh goats have been vaccinated under the Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) eradication programme.
- Constructions of new buildings for 252 Veterinary Institutions under NABARD Assistance is carried out with an outlay of Rs 142.06 crore and so far 162 buildings were completed and the remaining constructions are under progress.
- New buildings for 10 Field Monitoring units and 2 Veterinary Polyclinics were completed at an outlay of Rs 14.64 crore.
- New buildings for 3 Integrated Regional Joint Directors office and One Veterinary Poly Clinic buildings at a cost of Rs.9.75 Crore under NADP scheme were completed and construction of One Integrated Regional Joint Director office is under construction at a cost of Rs.2.25 crore.
- Under Specialized Veterinary Care and Awareness camps, Rs.23.28 crore, has been sanctioned and 22,381 camps were conducted and 2.31 crore livestock / poultry reared by 24.76 lakh farmers were benefitted.
- Under the National Agricultural Development Programme, 1,983 beneficiaries in 36 districts have been provided with 500/1000 day old Native chicks, feed for one month and incubator at 50 percent subsidy at a total cost of Rs.14.72 crore.

- In Viluppuram and Theni districts, work is under progress to set up the broiler farms at a cost of Rs.2.25 crore to benefit 200 beneficiaries in each district.

- In Pudukkottai and Virudhunagar districts, Poultry farms with low input technology were set up at a cost of Rs.One crore benefitting 200 beneficiaries in each District.

- 100 small scale native chicken poultry units were established at 50 percent subsidy in 10 Districts at a total cost of Rs.1.80 crore of this scheme, 100 small-scale Native chicken poultry farming units are being established in the remaining 26 districts (excluding Chennai & The Nilgiris) at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore with 50 percent subsidy.

- A Native Chicken Breeding Complex and Hatchery Unit is being established at the District Livestock Farm Abhishegapatti in Tirunelveli District under National Agriculture Development Programme with financial assistance from Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40 at a total cost of Rs.9.42 crore .

- A Native Chicken Breeding Complex and Hatchery Unit is being established at the District Livestock Farm Chettinad in Sivagangai District under State Fund at a total cost of Rs.13.81 crore.

- Under the National Agricultural Development Programme - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana 2021 - 2022, 456 Rabies Vaccination Camps were conducted and 60,330 dogs were vaccinated against Rabies. Also school and college students were given awareness campaign in the above camps.

- 2,63,011 lakh livestock were treated at their location by the mobile veterinary ambulance service.

- Economically rural poor 38,800 Widows / Destitute / Deserted Women were distributed with 1,94,000 goats / sheep at 5 goats / sheep per beneficiary at a total cost of Rs.75.63 crore.

- Under the "Vallalar Palluyir Kaapagangal" scheme by the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board, was commenced on the occasion of Thiruvalluvar Day on 16.01.2023, for total allocation of Rs.20 crore, in which Rs.9.80 crores was sanctioned by State Level Approval Committee for providing food, medical facility, ambulance and infrastructure facilities, Rs.6.18 crore was given to 29 NGOs / Animal Welfare Organisations.

- Under World Bank aided Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agricultural Modernization Project covering 47 sub basins 4,48,664 artificial insemination using conventional semen, 6,104 insemination with sex-sorted semen and 30,061 insemination with genomic frozen semen were carried out at the farmers door steps. Further, 22,220 calves were dewormed, 25,476 calves were given mineralized salt licks. 30,217 cattle were provided Mastitis prevention kit and 9,438 cattle were treated for Mastitis. In addition, 3,794 Infertility cum health care Camps were conducted and 42,639 programmed breeding was carried out. Apart from this, 3,588.5 ha. of farmers land where brought under fodder cultivation by distribution of fodder seeds.

- 24 Office Assistants, 8 Junior Assistants, 4 Record Clerks, One Animal Husbandry Assistant, 2 Sweepers and 5 Night Watchmen were appointment under compassionate ground. 157 Animal Husbandry Assistants were appointed by direct recruitment

- Through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, 25 Veterinary Graduates were given postings as Research Assistants in Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ranipet.

- Through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, 1,146 Veterinary Graduates were given postings as Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in Animal Husbandry Department and out of which 1,141 have joined duty in the Department.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

- TANUVAS ranked First among State Veterinary Universities and 12th among all the Agricultural Universities in the ICAR-ranking list 2020 released by the Ministry of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 06.12.2021.

- The foundation stone was laid for the establishment of additional academic blocks and additional hostel blocks at VC&RI, Tirunelveli.

- Establishment of fodder seed production unit for sustainable livestock production under North Western zone of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.1.49 crore.

- Establishment of Trichy Black sheep research centre at Dharmapuri district at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore.

- Establishment of resource centre for indigenous Siruvidai chicken of Tamil Nadu at Poultry Research Station, Madhavaram, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.52 crore.

- Establishment of resource centre for Pattanam sheep at VC&RI, Orathanadu at a cost of Rs. 1.97 crore.

- Modernisation of university innovation and instrumentation centre at University Research Farm, TANUVAS, Madhavaram, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore.

- Establishment of zoonoses research laboratory cum one health interface platform for Southern districts of Tamil Nadu at VC&RI, Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.1.61 crore.

- Dr. K.N.Selvakumar, Vice-Chancellor, TANUVAS was awarded with ‘M.S. Swaminathan Medal of Appreciation’ for his finest contribution and initiative in scientific development of livestock sector through local vernacular language.

- TANUVAS inaugurated the ‘Automatic Herbal Tablet/Bolus Preparation Facility’ and a Research and Development (R&D) facility at VC&RI, Orathanadu.

- under the Mega Sheep Seed Project, Mecheri Sheep Research Station, at Pottaneri genetically superior Mecheri Rams and other inputs like concentrate feed and salt licks distributed to the beneficiaries.

- Five new buildings constructed at a total budget of Rs.1.15 crore to conserve the Salem black goats under the National Agricultural Development programme at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal.

- The NABL accreditation for the Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, Madras Veterinary College has been extended up to 2024 in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

- The ‘Feed mill building and machinery’ was inaugurated at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli. A farmers’ seminar on “Novel feed technologies for livestock” was also organized in which livestock feed was distributed to the beneficiaries.

- The 22nd Convocation of the University, conferred the degrees and diplomas to 192 students and distributed 108 medals to 50 meritorious students and research scholars.

- Union Government under National Programme on Bovine Breeding has sanctioned new projects such as Establishment of sustain ability, at a cost of Rs.5.51 crore for implementation at TANUVAS.

- TANUVAS is implementing five new projects such as Establishment Kattupakkam, at a total cost of Rs.5.48 crore.

- With the financial support from Indian Council of Agricultural Research, a regional livestock, poultry exhibition and seminar on “Enhancing the productivity of desi fowls by scientific interventions” was organized for the benefit of Scheduled caste farming community at VC&RI, Tirunelveli and distributed inputs to 319 beneficiaries.

- TANUVAS conducted anti-rabies vaccination programme in its constituent units benefitting 4,388 dogs.

- My Library on Fingertip Application (MyLOFT App), a Mobile Web app was launched at MVC for the benefit of students, research scholars, faculty and scientists of TANUVAS.

- International Symposium on “New Horizons in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology Research: Way Forward to Augment Livestock Health and Production”. A total of 189 scientists, faculty members and students participated in the symposium.

- ICAR sponsored 51st National training programme on “Advances in clinical interventional procedures, diagnostic imaging and endoscopy in farm and companion animals” was conducted at Madras Veterinary College benefitting twenty-five faculties from SAUs and National Institutes.

- International Veterinary Vaccinology Network, UK sponsored online workshop on “Marek’s disease of chicken – Global discussion on control strategies for local mitigation” was organized at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal along with Prof. Venugopal Nair, Scientist Emeritus of The Pirbright Institute, UK. A total of 120 participants from different parts of the globe attended the programme.

- With the sponsorship of State Agriculture Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), training programmes on “Application of diagnostic imaging in animal reproduction”, “Recent advances in fodder production technology” and “Ethno-veterinary practices for treatment of animal diseases” were organized at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu benefitting 120 field veterinary assistant

surgeons of Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Tamil Nadu.

- The International Conference on "Innovations in food and beverage technology for sustainable future" at Madras Veterinary College in hybrid mode. A total of 92 faculty members and 620 students participated in person and online.
- New buildings inclusive of academic blocks at a cost of Rs.82.13 crore in Veterinary College and Research Institute, Theni
- New buildings including academic blocks at a cost of Rs.82.13 crore in Veterinary College and Research Institute, Udumalpet
- New buildings inclusive of veterinary herbal medicine training center and zoonotic disease laboratory constructed at a cost of Rs.11.94 crore at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu
- Additional hostel facility for boys and girl students at a cost of Rs.7.14 crore at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli
- A regional referral hospital with modern facilities for the development of rural cattle farmers at a cost of Rs.4.15 crore at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal. A carcass utilization plant with a budget of Rs.2 crore under National Livestock Mission at Madhavaram, Chennai
- Buffalo Mela, Workshop on Dairypreneurship and Scientific Rearing of Buffaloes for Rural Women was inaugurated at College of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduveli.
- Ten students from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, USA underwent clinical externship training at TANUVAS.
- Mr. S.Lakshmanan, Final year B.V.Sc. & A.H. student of Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, TANUVAS has secured FIRST rank in the All India Entrance Examination for Admission 2023 (ICAR AIEEA PG 2023) under Animal Biotechnology subject, conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- International Conference on "Global perspectives in ethno veterinary herbal research for production of residue free animal products and first annual convention of Indian society of ethno veterinary herbal research" was conducted at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu benefitting 174 delegates including foreign experts.
- TANUVAS ranked 12th among all the Agricultural Universities of the country in the NIRF-ranking list 2023.
- The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor, Thiru. R.N.Ravi felicitated TANUVAS for securing 12th rank in Agriculture and Allied Sector and First among the State Veterinary Universities of the country.
- Under the ICAR funding scheme on Institutional Development Plan of TANUVAS, a total of 28 students from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, Veterinary College and

Research Institute, Namakkal and College of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduveli underwent overseas externship at Oklahoma State University, USA for 4-6 weeks.

- In association with TANUVAS and Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) organized its 29th International Conference with the theme “Parasites: Global Impacts, Local Solutions” at Chennai. More than 350 delegates from 56 countries participated.

- Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University organized the 13th Clinical Case Conference on “Farm and Companion Animal Practice for Veterinary Students” at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai. A total of 400 UG and PG students from 15 states of our country participated and presented clinical cases.

- To commemorate the International year of Millets-2023, National Conference cum Workshop on “Millets as a nutritional paradigm in ensuring food security” was organized at College of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduveli benefitting 600 students.

- With the assistance from Government of Tamil Nadu, the Goat Research Centre established at Chinnakovilankum, Sankarankoil Taluk, Tenkasi district was inaugurated.

- College of Food and Dairy Technology (CFDT), Koduveli, TANUVAS certified as Eat Right Campus by the FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

- Thiru Ranjith Kuttan, the Toda farmer (Documented by Sheep Breeding Research Station, Sandynallah, TANUVAS) received Breed Conservation Award from the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal for conserving the Endangered Toda Breed of Buffalo.

- Poultry Research Station of TANUVAS has been awarded Second Prize for conservation of Aseel breed of Chicken in the Institution/ Community category by National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal.

- Bargur Cattle Research Station, Bargur of TANUVAS has been awarded Third Prize in the Large Ruminant Category (Institutions) for conservation of Bargur breed of cattle by National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal.

- Institute of Animal Nutrition, Kattupakkam was presented with the Dr. S.Chinnamani Award for Excellence in Agro-forestry Extension (2021-22) by ICAR for the excellent work carried out under ICAR-Agroforestry Network project.

- Tamil Nadu Scientists Award-2021 has been granted to two Professors from TANUVAS.

- Selvi M.Thulasimathi, Student of Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal, TANUVAS made India proud in the Badminton Asian PARA games at Hanghzou, China by winning Gold medal in singles, Silver medal in women’s doubles and Bronze medal in mixed doubles.

- Cattle sheds established under the scheme on 'Establishment of Conservation Centre for Nattukuttai Cattle' funded by Government of Tamil Nadu was inaugurated and inputs were also distributed to the beneficiaries under Network project on Sheep improvement and State Government funded Pig Breeding scheme.

- On 29.01.2024, Foundation Stone was laid for the establishment of new TANUVAS Veterinary University Training and Research Centre at Tiruchendur funded by Government of Tamil Nadu.

- Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission programme, Government of India has sanctioned a scheme on "Managemental and marketing strategies for profitable indigenous cattle farming" with a budget outlay of Rs.9 lakh for implementation at TANUVAS.

- TANUVAS is implementing four new projects sanctioned by the Union Government under National Livestock Mission to the total tune of Rs.2.86 crore.

Transfer of Technology

- During the reporting period, vaccines / strains developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS were transferred to the firms by executing 5 Memorandum of Agreement.

Memorandum of Understandings

- A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was executed among TANUVAS, Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited, Chennai and ASSIST Development Solutions, Chennai with an objective to promote and accelerate the education of dairy farmers in sustainable dairy management practices through trainings and awareness programmes.

- To encourage more biotechnology start-ups, TANUVAS has signed MoU with TICEL Bio Park of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO).

- The existing Memorandum of Understanding between TANUVAS and Oklahoma State University, USA was renewed on 16.08.2022 for a further period of five years.

- The Memorandum of Understanding between TANUVAS and Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia was executed.

- Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by TANUVAS, Chennai and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Government of Tamil Nadu on 25.01.2023 to jointly maintain the Goshalas in 129 temples across the State of Tamil Nadu for a period of three years.

- In addition, TANUVAS has executed 21 Memorandum of Understandings with various institutions to promote academic and research collaboration during the reporting period.

Patents

- 13 patents have been granted for the technologies developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS.

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Backward Classes Welfare, Most Backward Classes Welfare, De-notified Communities Welfare, Khadi and Village Industries Board

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare

Thiru. R.S.Rajakannappan

Backward Classes Welfare Department

During 2021-2022

- Libraries were setup in the name of "Semmozhi Noolagam" in 275 college hostels, at a cost of Rs.274.52 lakh.
- Parental annual income ceiling for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare hostel admission has been enhanced from Rupees one lakh to Rs.2 lakh.
- Play materials and exercise equipments were provided to 275 college hostels at a cost of Rs.151.70 lakh.
- Personality development and Spoken English training was imparted to the inmates of 275 college hostel boarders through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.
- Books for competitive exams were supplied to 40 college hostels at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.
- Prizes were awarded to best hostels at District level at a cost of Rs.7.80 lakh.
- Fee for the students who studied in Government schools and admitted to Medical Courses under 7.5% preferential allotment seats, is reimbursed.

A sum of Rs.1,151.30 lakh has been spent as reimbursement of fee to 317 students who have joined MBBS and BDS courses. In the year 2022-2023, Rs.2,347.16 lakh is spent for the benefit of 683 students. In the year 2023-2024, Rs.41.30 crore is spent for the benefit of 1,185 students.

- Refresher training programme was conducted to Wardens/ Matrons of hostels at a cost of Rs.49.55 lakh.
- Bio-metric based facial recognition systems has been installed in 20 college girls' hostels at a cost of Rs.23.60 lakh.
- Special repair and renovation works in 146 hostels at a cost of Rs.13 crore has been taken up and works completed.
- Compound walls have been constructed for 7 girls hostels at a cost of Rs.100.68 lakh.
- Miscellaneous charges to hostel boarders have been enhanced (For school hostels from Rs.50 to Rs.100, college hostels from Rs.75 to Rs.150) at an additional cost of Rs.490.26 lakh.
- 2 BC/DNC School hostels were upgraded into college hostels at a cost of Rs.14.44 lakh.
- Own buildings to 2 hostels have been constructed at a cost of Rs.660.54 lakh.
- Competitions like Essay writing, Sports and Games in the name of "Kalai Thiruvizha" for hostel students were conducted at a cost of Rs.3.80 lakh.
- The parental annual income limit for availing scholarships has been enhanced from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.5 lakh in the year 2021-2022. During the year, scholarships were disbursed to 7,14,516 students at a cost of Rs.196.72 crore. For the year 2022-2023 scholarships were disbursed to 7,79,021 students at a cost of Rs.243.51 crore.
- Monthly boarding and Lodging charges, under scholarships scheme has been enhanced to a uniform rate of Rs.400 per month, (Degree courses - from Rs.175 to Rs.400 professional courses – from Rs.350 to Rs.400; ITI/Diploma courses – from Rs.235 to Rs.400) at an additional cost of Rs.9 crore.
- Toilet facilities for the use of differently abled students were provided in 234 Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs.468 lakh.
- Special repair and maintenance works were carried out in 104 Kallar Reclamation school buildings at a cost of Rs.7 crore.
- English Medium classes have been started in 9th standard in 15 Kallar Reclamation schools from the year 2022-2023 onwards.
- English medium classes were started in first standard in 225 Kallar Reclamation schools. In the academic year 2021–2022.
- Personality development and Spoken English training was conducted to 8th to 11th standard students of Kallar Reclamation schools through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.
- From the year 2021-2022, the annual income ceiling for availing benefit under "Incentive scheme for rural girl students belonging to the Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities" has been enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rupees one lakh.
- For the year 2021-2022, Bicycles were distributed to 4,35,624 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in 11th standard at a cost of Rs.221.26 crore. During the year 2022-2023, Rs.165.84 crore has been spent for distribution of Bi-cycle to 3,44,144 students. For the year 2023-2024, Bicycles being distributed to 3,81,275 BC, MBC & DNC 11th Standard students at cost of Rs.184.33 crore
- From the year 2021-2022, the annual income ceiling to avail benefit under the schemes such as supply of Sewing machines, Iron Boxes and House site pattas, has been

enhanced from Rs.72,000 to Rupees one lakh.

- ❖ From the year 2021-2022, 3,000 brass iron boxes were distributed at a cost of Rs.146.13 lakh.
- ❖ Marriage assistance provided to the registered members or family members of the Denotified Communities Welfare board and Ulemas and Employees Welfare board has been enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000 in respect of men and from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000 in respect of women from the year 2021-2022.
- ❖ Orders were issued to publish a book on reservation and social justice at a cost of Rs.8 lakh and action is being taken.
- ❖ In the year 2021-2022, cash prize for Thanthai Periyar Award for social justice has been increased from Rupees one lakh to Rs.5 lakh, the awardee is awarded a gold medal of 1 sovereign along with the cash prize of Rs.5 lakh. For the year 2021, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to Thiru. K.Thirunavukarasu, in the year 2022, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to Kavignar Kali. Poongundran and in the year 2023, Thanthai Periyar Award has been awarded to Thiru. Suba Veerapandian.
- ❖ In the year 2021-2022, loans to the tune of Rs.84.40 crore has been disbursed to 12,662 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.

In the year 2022-2023

- ❖ e-Libraries have been setup in 275 College hostels, at a cost of Rs.220 lakh.
- ❖ 15 college hostels were opened at needy places by restructuring school hostels which had lower strength, at a cost of Rs.148.05 lakh.
- ❖ Orders were issued for College girl students to get admission in the vacant seats available in school girl hostels and college girls are admitted in the vacant seats of school hostels.
- ❖ Orders were issued for the construction of own buildings to two hostels which are in dilapidated state and functioning in rental at a cost of Rs.742.50 lakh, works are in progress.
- ❖ 3 Kallar Reclamation Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.117.90 lakh are inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 02.11.2022 and 282 students are admitted in these Residential schools.

- Two Kallar Reclamation high schools at Madurai and Dindigul Districts has been upgraded into Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.148.31 lakh.
- State level Educational tour for 11th standard Kallar Reclamation school students was organized at a cost of Rs.42.16 lakh, and 1,757 students were taken to historical important and cultural heritage places in Ramanathapuram, Nilgiris, Kanniyakumari Districs through TTDC.
- Incidental charges provided for conducting 3 medical checkups in a year in hostels and Kallar Reclamation Schools has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 at a cost of Rs.32.98 lakh.
- From the year 2022-2023, 1,085 brass iron boxes were distributed at a cost of Rs.71.08 lakh.
- In the year 2022-2023, Orders are issued to establish 25 Modern Laundry Units by engaging a group of 10 members involved in laundry activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh and a sum of Rs.12 lakh has been sanctioned for setting up of 4 Modern Laundry units.
- In the year 2022-2023, Orders issued to establish 25 Readymade Garment Units by engaging a group of 10 members involved in tailoring activities at a cost of Rs.75 lakh and a sum of Rs.75 lakh has been sanctioned for setting up of 25 Readymade Garment Units.
- In the year 2022-2023, Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation has disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.99.62 crore to 15,151 beneficiaries.

In the year 2023-2024

- Food charges to school hostel boarders has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,400 and Collage hostel boarders from Rs.1,100 to Rs.1,500.
- Question banks were supplied to hostel boarders who are studying in 10th standard and 12th standard students at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh.
- Play Materials were provided to 368 school girls hostels at a cost of Rs.44.32 lakh.
- LED TV with DTH connections were provided to 385 school girl hostels at a cost of Rs.163.24 lakh.
- Geysers were provided to 20 hostels functioning in hill station at a cost of Rs.6.68 lakh.
- CCTV cameras were installed in 12 girls hostels at a cost of Rs.12 lakh.
- Napkin Incinerators were provided to 141 college hostels at a cost of Rs.45 lakh.
- One law officer post had been created on the contract basis for Directorate of Backward Classes and Directorate of Most Backward Classes Welfare at a cost of Rs.6 lakh.
- 17 CUG connections have been provided to the officials of the Directorates at a cost of Rs.1.30 lakh.
- Orders have been issued for Construction of own buildings to 3 hostels at a cost of Rs.16.14 crore and works are under progress.
- Orders have been issued for taking up special repairs and maintenance works in 129 hostels at a cost of Rs.20 crore and works are under progress.
- Orders have been issued for the Construction of compound wall to 16 Girls hostels at a cost of Rs.2.05 crore and works are under progress.
- 3 new college hostels were opened at a cost of Rs.130.22 lakh.
- Namakkal District, MBC Girls Hostel student strength has been enhanced from 100 to 150.
- Government Kallar ITI Boys Hostel at Chekkanurani in Madurai District has been converted into College Boys Hostel.
- A Residential School has been started at Kondamanayakkanpatti, Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

- Orders have been issued to provide Library books and book shelves to 295 Kallar Reclamation schools at a cost of Rs.75 lakh and works are under progress.
- Orders have been issued to laying of tiles, white washing and painting in classrooms are being carried out in 144 Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs.5 crore and works are under progress.
- Denotified Communities Welfare Board has been reconstituted under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare with Vice Chairman and 13 Ex-offico Members for a term of three years.
- In the year 2023–2024, loans to the tune of Rs.115.50 crore have been disbursed to 16,842 beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation.
- From the year 2023-2024, new software "State Scholarship Portal" (SSP) has been developed by TNeGA and implement the scholarship program in all Districts through the website www.ssp.tn.gov.in.
- Orders have been issued to procure of 2,000 motorized sewing machines for the beneficiaries of BC, MBC and DNC for the year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 at a cost of Rs.113 lakh and action is being taken.
- For the year 2023–2024, 977 Brass Iron Boxes are provided to BC, MBC & DNC communities at a cost of Rs.71.13 lakh.

Khadi and Village Industries Board

- The Khadi Complex at Kandanur village near Karaikudi, Sivagangai District was renovated at a cost of Rs.45.80 lakh and 9 units have been inaugurated and employment provided to 100 persons.
- On 02.10.2023 during the function of Gandhi Jayanthi and Deepavali Special Sale Inauguration, the 'Best Spinner', Khadi Weaver and Silk Weaver were encouraged with a cash prize of Rs.25,000 each and a shield of appreciation.
- On 02.10.2022 during the Gandhi Jayanthi and Khadi Special Sales inauguration function, Khadi Dhoti Readymade Shirt (Half/Full) Combined Combo Pack, King size Bed spread, Printed Cotton Sarees and Silk Sarees with Embroidery were introduced for sale by the name "Aadhirai Collections 2.0".
- 3 Khadi Krafts at Coimbatore Main Khadi Kraft, RS Puram and Dindigul have been

renovated at a cost of Rs.23 lakh in the current year to attract customers.

❖ In the current year, 100 weavers engaged in Khadi production have been provided with loom equipments at a cost of Rs.7 lakh.

❖ A new bathing soap in 4 flavours namely Rose, Lavender, Sandal and Red Sandal in the name "Khadi Fragrance" using coconut oil based soap noodles.

❖ On the occasion of the Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary Birth Anniversary Celebration, new transparent soaps and Jawadhu Perfume were introduced and sold during the Gandhi Jayanti and Deepavali Special Sales which were inaugurated at Kuralagam Khadi Kraft.

❖ The "Khadi Honey" in new shaped glass bottles with eye-catching labels has been introduced.

❖ Hill honey have been introduced under the name "Khadi Hill Honey" for sale.

❖ Price of Raw honey procured from the bee farmers in Marthandam area of Kanniyakumari District has been increased from Rs.140 to Rs.155 per kg from the year 2023-2024.

❖ Minor millets of Thinai, Saamai, Varagu, Raagi, Kuthiraivaali and Bamboo rice varieties have been introduced for sale in the name of "Khadi Gold".

❖ A new showroom for Khadi and Village Industries products and Palm products has been inaugurated at a cost of Rs.95 lakh at Pallikonda, Vellore District.

❖ 35 stalls were set up during the Navaratri Golu doll Fair at Kuralagam Khadi Kraft in Chennai and Rs.76.05 lakh worth of dolls, handicrafts and ceramics were sold.

❖ 9 companies / individuals selected Zone wise / District wise have been given license as wholesale Dealer to sell Khadi Village Products and Palm Products.

❖ Although two websites www.tnkvib.org and www.tnkhadi.com have already been created to boost online sales, a Mobile App called "tnkhadi" which work on Android and iOS platform has been launched to attract the younger generation in particular.

❖ Khadi and Village Industries and Palm products are also marketed through various e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

❖ The scheme under the name "Traditional Village Products Shop" is mainly proposed for marketing of products produced by women self-help groups (SHGs), Panchayat Level Federation of Women's Groups (PLFs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), PMEGP beneficiaries and MSMEs who are involved in manufacturing rural industries products/ food products that are popular and specific to that respective District. From 05.02.2023, those products are being sold out through Sarvodaya Sanghs, Departmental stores apart from our Board's owned Khadi Kraft outlets itself. Under this scheme, Rs.4.58 crore worth of village products has been sold so far.

❖ In order to benefit the palm workers, Palm Jaggery is being sold in the name of "KARPAGAM" through PDS shops of the Co-operative Department and special shops of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.

❖ Rs.8.56 crore worth palm products have been procured and sold for Rs.9.68 crore.

❖ Under Palm development mission, 22 lakh quality palm seeds worth Rs.66 lakh have been procured from the branches of the State and District Federations (on 100% subsidy) and distributed to the farmers through the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.

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Tourism and Tourism Development Corporation

Hon'ble Minister for Tourism

Thiru. K.Ramachandran

Tourism Department

- ❖ The Tourism Destination Development Scheme was launched to identify and develop tourist destinations in the State.
- ❖ An integrated approach to develop tourism through the preparation of Master Plan for 300 destinations across the State was envisaged.
- ❖ Beachfront development will be carried out at the island area of the Mudaliarkuppam Boat House at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- ❖ State Tourism Awards were given to various stakeholders associated with tourism industry in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A 3D projection mapping system was installed to illuminate Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanniyakumari at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.98 crore.
- ❖ A sum of Rupees One crore has been sanctioned for the periodical maintenance of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue at Kanniyakumari.

❖ A sum of Rs.715.06 lakh has been sanctioned for the development of Muttam beach and Thirparappu waterfalls area in Kanniyakumari.

❖ A sum of Rs.1,134.56 lakh has been sanctioned for establishment of tourism facilities in Courtalam Falls, Tenkasi District.

❖ An order has been issued to obtain a loan for a sum Rs.1,407 lakh from SIDBI for the development of Pitchavaram boat house area in Cuddalore District.

❖ A sum of Rs.6,277.47 lakh funds have been sanctioned to construct a world class Jallikattu arena in Alankanallur, Madurai District and it was inagurated on 24.01.2024.

❖ To renovate Poompuhar, Mayiladuthurai District a sum of Rs.23.60 crore funds have been sanctioned.

❖ A loan for a sum of Rs.400 lakh issued from SIDBI for the development of Muthuppet mangrove forest area in Tiruvarur District.

❖ For the development of Pudukkottai District, Muthukuda area as a tourist destination with various facilities a sum of Rs.306.31 lakh sanctioned.

❖ A sum of Rs.806 lakh allocated for Development of Dams and Reservoirs in Tamil Nadu as tourist destinations.

❖ For the development of Poondi dam area in Tiruvallur District as a tourist destination a sum of Rs.300 lakh sanctioned.

❖ For the development of Hogenakkal Falls in Dharmapuri District as a tourist destination with various facilities, a sum of Rs.1,757.65 lakh has been sanctioned.

❖ The first ever "Tamil Nadu Medical Value Travel Summit 2023" was conducted.

Department won the following awards in India Today Tourism Survey and Awards 2021:

❖ Best Mountain Destination Award for Coonoor, the Nilgiris District in the Mountain category Best Festival Destination Award for Pongal festival in the Festival category.

Most Scenic Road Award for Kolli Hills in Namakkal District in the Scenic category.

Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has won the following National Awards:

- "Excellence in Design and Decoration of a Tourism Pavilion" Award won at OTM, Domestic Travel Mart held in Mumbai.
- "Best State for Pilgrimage" Award won at the Safari India South Asia Travel Awards 2021 in New Delhi on 28.03.2022 organized by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA).
- "Best Beaches and Coastal Destination Award" won for Lemur Beach, Kanniyakumari District, at the India Today Tourism Survey and Awards 2022 organised by the India Today Group on 24.02.2023 in New Delhi.
- "Tourism Minister of the Year- India" Award won by the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. K. Ramachandran at the PATWA (Pacific Area Travel Association) International Writers Travel Awards 2023, held in Berlin on 08.03.2023.

International Awards under different categories:

- "Best Spiritual Destination" Award won at the 11th edition of India's Best Awards by Travel + Leisure India and South Asia held in New Delhi on 16.11.2022.
- "Best Heritage destination in India" Award won at the PATWA International Travel Awards 2023 held in Berlin on 08.03.2023.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department won the prestigious "Executive Committee Award" of the Japan Tourism Awards for the Mannar Eco-Tourism Project at the 7th edition of the Japan Tourism EXPO held in Osaka, Japan on October 26, 2023.
- India Today Tourism Survey and Awards 2023 held at New Delhi on 29.02.2024 "Best Scenic Road" received to Yercaud in Tamil Nadu.
- "Destination of the Year – Culture" award received from PATWA writers' association during the International Travel Awards conducted by ITB Berlin on 06.03.2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has participated in the "37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2024" at Surajkund held from 02.02.2024 to 18.02.2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has participated and sponsored in the "48th India Tourism and Industrial Fair" at Island Grounds, Chennai from January 2024 to March 2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "The UNIFI Capital Offshore Regatta 2024" held from 01.05.2024 to 05.05.2024 in Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "Summer Festival" in Ooty during May 2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "Kattabomman Festival" in Panchalankurichi on 10.05.2024 & 11.05.2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "Government Exhibition" in Madurai during May-June 2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has participated in the "Dakshin Bharat Utsav-2024" at Belgaluru held from 15.06.2024 to 16.06.2024.

- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "Mango Festival-2024" at Krishnagiri held from 05.07.2024 to 31.07.2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has sponsored the "Summer Festival" in Jawadhu hills during July 2024.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Department has participated in the "TTF-2024" at Kolkatta held from 12.07.2024 to 14.07.2024.
- Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has selected two destinations from Tamil Nadu, Mamallapuram and The Nilgiris, for development of Tourism under Swadesh Dharshan 2.0 scheme and the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has appointed as the State Implementing Agency (SIA).
- A Project Development and Management Consultant has identified by MoT and an agreement was executed by TTDC with L&T Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
- A Detailed Project Report for Mamallapuram has prepared and submitted for the approval of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- Government have issued orders for sanction of Rs.9,70,86,000/- for Providing landscape, view point, infrastructure and other tourist amenities at Yercaud in Salem District.

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Limited

- TTDC has received bookings from OTA platforms and earned about Rs.4.13 crore
- TTDC received 5,266 customer reviews and feedback via feedback mechanism system and action has been taken in every review meeting.
- TTDC has developed Virtual 3D tours of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Tamil Nadu by incorporating emerging technologies like Virtual reality and 3D mapping and the same has been included on the TTDC website.
- TTDC has earned a total income of Rs. 27,012 lakh and total Net profit of Rs. 3,305 lakh for the last three years (up to December 2023)
- The new block consisting of 15 rooms and a multipurpose hall at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Tiruchirappalli was inagurated.
- Hotel Tamil Nadu, Drive-in Restaurant in Chennai has been renovated at a cost of Rs.90.10 lakh with Open-air theatre.
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has started a new Boat House in Valankulam Lake, Coimbatore.
- TTDC has installed CCTV cameras at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Ooty and sign boards have been erected at Kateri and Kallar, Ooty.
- 2 Water Scooters have been purchased for the Boat Houses at Muttukkadu and Mudaliyarkuppam to attract Tourists.
- TTDC has procured 21 four Seater Pedal Boats and 12 two Seater Pedal Boats for Boat House, Kodaikanal and Ooty.
- A pre-built amenity center (20' x 25') was set up at Blue Flag Beach, Kovalam at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- A prefabricated amenity center (20' x 25') was set up at Vandalur Zoo at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- A high-tech floating boat house was constructed at a cost of Rs.10.50 lakh at the Mudaliarkuppam boat house.

- Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation has designed a coffee table booklet exclusively for "108 Divya Desa Temples".
- Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation operates 52 types of tour packages for tourists from all walks of life. 11 new tour packages were introduced in the last three years.
- In addition to Chennai, TTDC started operating the Tirupati Tour package from major cities like Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Salem, Hosur and Bengaluru.
- TTDC had operated one-day Adi Amman tour in the month of Adi and one day Vishnu temple tour during the month of Puratasi.
- The 4 days UNESCO Heritage Tour in association with M/s.Secret Temples, Rajasthan was introduced and operated. successfully Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation had operated.
- To showcase the historical beauty of Chennai and Mamallapuram, a special tour program was conducted for the delegates and players from all over the world attending Chess Olympiad-2022.
- To promote offbeat tourism destinations in Tamil Nadu through leading influencers from social media, "Discover Tamil Nadu Tour" was introduced, and it has recently completed its 3rd edition.
- TTDC has introduced the Ponniyin Selvan Tour package in association with M/s. Fly Holidays, Coimbatore, which covers historical monuments that led featured in novel Ponniyin Selvan.

- The revenue generated by the TTDC Tour Division has increased to Rs.28.69 crore for the financial year 2023-2024 (till January).
- TTDC operates three-days special study tour packages for the students from Kallar Rehabilitation Schools, and one-day and three-days special educational tours for differently abled students.
- TTDC participated in the ITB-2023 held in Berlin, Germany from March 7 to 9, 2023 and promoted Tamil Nadu Tourism.
- TTDC participated in MATTA FAIR-2023 held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from March 17 to 19, 2023 to promote Tamil Nadu tourism.
- TTDC participated in the PATTA Travel Mart 2023 from October 4 to 6, 2023 at the International Exhibition Convention Center New Delhi and promoted Tamil Nadu Tourism.
- TTDC participated in the JATA Tourism Expo 2023 held in Osaka, Japan from October 26 to 29, 2023 and promoted Tamil Nadu tourism.
- TTDC Participated in FITUR-2024 held in Lisbon, Portugal from January 24 to 28, 2024, and Roadshow held in Barcelona on January 28 and 29, 2024 to promote Tamil Nadu tourism.
- On 25.11.2023, TTDC had erected a stall for the Centenary Celebration of Dr.Kalaignar Thiru. M.Karunanidhi at Kalaivanar Arangam with the theme of "Niruvanagalin Nayagar Kalaignar".
- TTDC has introduced 2 new 43-seater Volvo luxury coaches at a cost of Rs.2.92 crore.
- TTDC has earned a revenue of Rs.80.56 crore from May 2021 till January 2024 through the online bookings of 26 TTDC hotels across Tamil Nadu and the package Tours conducted by TTDC.
- TTDC has implemented New Boat House Management software at Ooty, Pykara, Pichavaram, Yercaud, Kodaikanal-I and II.
- TTDC has introduced a redundancy leased line at the corporate office through M/s. Airtel at the speed of 100 Mbps for the use of tourists who make hassle-free booking for TTDC hotels and Tours at 24 hours.
- A cloud-based tourist helpline was introduced to provide information relating to travel and tourism about Tamil Nadu to Domestic and International tourists.
- TTDC has introduced a new feature in the website (www.ttdcfair.com) for booking tickets through online for Fairs and mini train.
- TTDC created new Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram handles to promote hotels, boathouses, telescope houses and tour packages operated by the organization.
- TTDC has introduced a Centralised Review Monitoring Management System for integrating all existing feedback mechanisms like OTAs and Google for the purpose of providing feedback-capturing solutions.
- TTDC has generated revenue of Rs.13.61 crore through India Tourist and Industrial Fairs held from 2022 to 2024 at the Island grounds.

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Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Price Control

Hon'ble Minister for
Food and Civil Supplies

Thiru. R.Sakkarapani

Food And Civil Supplies Department

- The state had achieved a monthly average successful Aadhaar enabled biometric transactions for essential commodities for about 98 - 98.5 percent in the last 9 months.
- Iris based biometric Aadhaar authentication had been introduced on pilot basis in 2,700 Fair Price Shops across the State.
- Monthly grievance redressal day camps through the monthly grievance campus, 1,83,610 petitions including new card applications, address change, name inclusion, duplicate card, etc., were received and solved. Hence, it has been cent percent resolved.
- During the covid pandemic period in May 2021, Rs.2,000 was distributed to 2,08,42,716 rice family card holders in the Phase – I. In June 2021, Rs.2,000 was distributed to 2,08,36,259 rice family card holders in Phase II and 14 grocery items were distributed to 2,07,70,726 (99.12 percent) rice family card holders.
- The state had achieved a monthly average successful Aadhaar enabled biometric transactions between 97% and 98%.
- 1,666 new fair price shops including 633 full-time fair price shops and 1,033 part-time fair price shops have been newly opened.

- Out of 8,139 fair price shops 5,917 have been upgraded till 31.12.2023. Steps are being taken to develop the remaining 2,222 fair price shops. 9,046 Fair Price Shops have obtained ISO:9001 certification for quality control maintenance and 2,059 Fair Price Shops have obtained ISO:28000 certification for safe food chain and storage system.
- The kerosene allocation for families affected by North East Monsoon from 2021 to 2023 is 648 KL.
- By considering calamities that could occur during the North East and South West Monsoon, we have supplied 1,820 litres PDS kerosene per month from October 2021 to January 2022, 3,090 Litres of kerosene per month from July 2022 to January 2023, 3,150 litres of kerosene per month for south-west monsoon period from July 2023 to September 2023 which has been provided as special allotment.
- A digital board containing consumer protection and awareness information at an estimated cost of Rs.One crore in the office premises of all the District Collectors was installed.
- UNO has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. It was announcement that "Millet Food Festival" has to be celebrated in State/District level with a fund of Rs.40 lakh.
- "Formation of a new Kolathur zone under Chennai (City) North with an estimation cost of Rs. one crore" Bifurcating and integrating some areas of Perambur and Villivakkam Zones, a new Kolathur Zone has been formed with 65 Fair Price Shops.
- The State Government is providing an incentive of Rs.20/- per quintal to Boiled Rice in addition to the Rs.20/- fixed by Government of India and for Raw Rice Rs.15/- per quintal in addition to the Rs.10/- fixed by Government of India.
- 12,123 calls have been registered through the Farmer's Call Centre (through the Toll free number 1800 599 3540 with Six hunting lines).
- The Government has permitted to procure 17,000 MT of Ragi from farmers under Decentralized Procurement System at Minimum Support Price fixed by the Union Government (i.e. 38,460 per MT). Accordingly, 1861.000 MT of Ragi has been procured from farmers as on 31.07.2024 and also the Union Government has considered the request of Tamil Nadu and permitted to extend the procurement till 31.08.2024.
- The average consumption of Sugar by family card holders in PDS was approximately 35,500 MT per month. The subsidy amount of Rs.18.50 per kg was provided by the Government of India for the allocation of 10,820 MT sugar till 31.03.2017. The Government has ordered that the issue price of sugar in respect of family cards other than AAY cards shall be revised as Rs.25 per kg with effect from 01.11.2017 for eligible quantity.
- Accordingly, wheat is being supplied free of cost to all the willing rice card holders in lieu of rice. From May 2021 to February 2024, a quantity of 7,23,482 MTs of wheat has been supplied to the ration card holders at free of cost.
- Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is selling Groceries, Beverages, Cosmetics and Fast – moving consumer items through 82 Departmental Stores across the state in nominal rate. For the past three years, the above specified items worth Rs.92,49,17,555 have been sold to the Public through these Departmental Stores.
- Petrol / Diesel bunks are also being operated by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Neyveli, Tirupathur and Pattukottai. The Net Profit was Rs.1.48 crore for the past three years.
- The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation distributes LPG cylinders in Tiruchirappalli, Tiruvannamalai, Ramanathapuram and Mandapam. The Net Profit amount was Rs.4.44 crore for the past three years.
- For the past three years, a quantity of 16,644 MT of Rice and 1,877 MT of Wheat

have been issued to Amma Unavagams at subsidised rate for the benefit of poor people.

❖ 21,111.515 MT of Raw Rice has been issued to the Mosque One Rupee per Kilogram during the years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to prepare Nonbu Kanji.

❖ Rs. 4,000 has been provided as relief to all 2,09,81,900 family card holders receiving rice, at a total cost of Rs.8,392.76 crore, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

❖ 21 Grocery items were issued to 2,15,67,122 family rice card holders and SriLankan refugees to celebrate Pongal 2022. The Government had sanctioned an amount of Rs.2,429.05 crore for issuance of One Kg of Raw rice, and One Kg of Sugar, a full length Sugarcane and Rs.1,000 to 2,19,33,342 rice family card holders including Sri Lankan Tamil Families residing in refugee camps, in order to celebrate Pongal Festival 2023. Government had sanctioned an amount of Rs.2,436.19 crore on 09.01.2024 for issuance of One kg of raw rice, One kg of sugar, a full length Sugarcane and Rs.1,000 to 2,19,71,113 rice family card holders including Sri Lankan Tamil Families residing in refugee camps, in order to celebrate Pongal Festival 2024.

❖ Rice was purchased from the millers of Tamil Nadu at Rs.33.50 per kg and 40,000 MT sent to Srilankan nation through Chennai and Thoothukudi Ports in three phases.

❖ A quantity of 33,148 kg of Tomatoes worth Rs.19,88,880 and 9,396 kg of Onions worth Rs.2,71,776 were sold through the Amudham Departmental Stores and selected Fair Price Shops to the Public during the year 2023.

❖ Relief assistance of Rs.6,000 was distributed to 24,41,069 families affected by Michaung Cyclone i.e., 98.05 percent of the beneficiaries in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram Districts.

❖ The Government has ordered to pay releif assistance of Rs.6,000 and to issue 5kg of rice bag to 6,63,760 families of the severely affected Taluks (those who lost their livelihood) in the Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts and to pay releif assitance of Rs.1,000 to the 14,31,164 families affected in the other Taluks of

Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi Districts and to all the taluks in Kanniyakumari and Tenkasi Districts.

- 20,000 MT of Tur dal / CYL and 2,00,00,000 pouches containing one litre of Palmolein oil are being purchased and One kg of Tur dal Canadian Yellow Lentil at Rs.30 and One litre of RBD Palmolein oil pouch (910 Grams) at Rs.25 are being issued to family card holders. For the implementation of the scheme, a sum of Rs.325 crore per month and Rs.3,900 crore per annum is being incurred as additional expenditure to the Government.
- Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation owns 21 Modern Rice Mills (MRMs) with a monthly hulling capacity of 52,500 MT boiled Rice is produced in 15 MRMs and raw Rice is produced in 6 MRMs. Presently in the third Phase, 5 modern rice mills have been modernized and are functioning successfully.
- To improve the quality of rice in modern rice mills, orders were issued to install the Colour Sorter Machines in all the 21 Modern Rice Mills of TNCSC and installation work has been completed in 19 Mills and they are functioning Successfully.
- A total of 1,801 Moisture Meters (without printer) and 50 numbers with printer and 1,815 Paddy Winnowing Machines were purchased. 602 private modern rice mills (MRMs) empanelled with TNCSC and 21 MRMs owned by TNCSC have installed colour sorter machines.
- The total number of 233 persons in various posts of TNCSC have been appointed on Compassionate grounds to the Legal heirs of the Employees who had expired while in service.
- The total number of 591 employees in various posts of TNCSC have been appointed in Regular basis to the Seasonal Employees who are working from the year 2012, under 12(3) settlement.
- To ensure food security at the zonal level, the government has initiated the construction of 19 new zonal storage complexes with a total capacity of 45,500 MT, estimated to cost Rs. 86 crore, for the financial years 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. So far, 4 warehouses with a capacity of 9,000 MT have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.17.60 crore. Additionally, the construction of 15 warehouses with a combined capacity of 36,500 MT is underway at various stages, at an estimated cost of Rs.6,840 crore.
- Additionally, in the current financial year 2024-2025, steps are being taken for the construction of new zonal storage complexes with a total capacity of 13,000 MT in 3 Districts, at an estimated cost of Rs.29.50 crore.
- The Government is gradually establishing direct procurement centers in response to demand, with the aim of benefiting farmers. In the financial year 2021-2022, the construction of 50 Direct Purchase Centres, each with a capacity of 250 MT, has been undertaken in areas with high procurement levels, with funding from NABARD, at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore. Till now, construction of 48 Direct Purchase Centres have been completed. Construction work is currently underway at various stages in 28 additional locations.
- An additional 50 Direct Purchase Centres have been established under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, with an estimated cost of Rs.17 crore, and of these, 33 stations have been completed so far. Construction work is currently underway at various stages in 17 locations.
- In the financial year 2023-2024, initiatives have been undertaken to construct 100 direct procurement centers, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, with an estimated cost of Rs. 33 crore. Of these, 5 direct procurement stations have been completed so far.

Construction work is currently underway at various stages in 50 locations. In other locations, preparations are underway to commence the work.

- ❖ Also, for the benefit of farmers, in the current financial year 2024-2025, 50 direct procurement centers are being constructed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore.
- ❖ According to the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that not a single grain of paddy, procured through the hard work of farmers, should go to waste, 213 modern paddy storage facilities with roofing and a capacity of 2.86 lakh metric tons have been established in the first phase of the financial year 2022-2023, at an estimated cost of Rs.238.08 crore. Also, in the second phase of the financial year 2023-2024, works are underway at various stages to establish 40 modern paddy storage facilities with roofing and a total capacity of 1,17,000 metric tons, at an estimated cost of Rs. 95 crore.
- ❖ Adding to this, in the third phase, initiatives are being taken to establish 6 modern paddy storage facilities with roofing and a total capacity of 18,000 metric tons, at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.70 crore.
- ❖ For the welfare of the public, during the Financial year 2022-2023 the Government have ordered to modernize the Two Amudham Departmental Stores located at Gopalapuram and Anna Nagar in Chennai District. Accordingly, Gopalapuram Amudham Departmental Stores has been renovated and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Dept., on 08.07.2023. Anna Nagar Amudham Departmental store has been modernized and is now complete.
- ❖ The capacity utilization as on 07.05.2021 is 6.08 lakh MT (78%). However the capacity utilization has increased to 7.52 lakhs MT (99%).
- ❖ Tiruvarur Warehouse office building was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.77 lakh.
- ❖ The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority has awarded Ist prize to Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation for having registered highest Warehouses among the other State Warehousing Corporations.
- ❖ Computerization and Tally Software was installed and implemented in the Head Office,

all Regional offices and all warehouses of the department.

❖ Invited E-Tender for upgradation of 11 Electronic Lorry Weighbridges from 30 MT, 40 MT & 50 MT to 60 MT.

❖ Additional Godowns were constructed at Tirumangalam, Ranipet and Pudukkottai with a capacity of 3400 MT each at an estimated cost of Rs.2.2 crore, Rs.2.2 crore and Rs.2.8 crore respectively and were put into use from 08.09.2023 onwards.

❖ E-Tender was floated for the construction of new godown at Ariyalur. construction work is going on for the tirupathur new godown which is to be built with a capacity of 3400 MT.

❖ Major essential repairs works is being carried out with allocation of Rs.10 crore on priority basis in all warehouses.

❖ For the past three years, 28,783 cases were registered by the Civil Supplies CID. 1,51,357 quintals of PDS Rice, 46,100 litres of PDS kerosene and 5,299 LPG domestic cylinders used for commercial purposes were seized. The total value of the commodities seized is Rs.24,67,06,913. 29,469 accused were arrested, 6,241 vehicles were seized, 5,782 vehicles were disposed and 238 accused were detained under PBMMSEC Act, 1980. To eradicate the selling of adulterated diesel, intensive raids were conducted throughout the State and 109 cases were registered in which 15,39,082 litres of adulterated diesel and 110 vehicles were seized.

❖ Newly created 2 CS CID Zones, 8 CS CID Ranges and 6 CS CID units in the newly formed Districts have started functioning. 3 New Special Patrol Teams have started functioning at Tiruvallur, Pollachi and Uthamapalayam.

❖ The Government has accorded permission to purchase 32 Body Worn Cameras through M/s ELCOT and the procurement is in progress.

❖ The monthly wages for the sweepers appointed through outsourcing to CS CID has been enhanced from Rs.6,000 to Rs.15,000 per month.

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Handlooms and Textiles, Boodhan and Gramadhan

Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles
Thiru. R.Gandhi

Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles Department

- New Weaving Workshed at a cost of Rs.3 crore to Kalikavalasu Industrial Weavers Co-operative Society, New Godown with Society Showroom at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore to Chennimalai Industrial Weavers Co-operative Society, Erode District and New Integrated Showroom at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore for Kancheepuram Kamatchiyamman Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society under the Handloom Support Programme.
- Construction of Common Facility Centre at a cost of Rs.58.61 lakh in Thiruvidaimarudur area of Thanjavur district under Cluster Development Programme.
- A dye house with Effluent Treatment Plant at a cost of Rs.74.11 lakh in Karur District.
- Dye houses with Effluent Treatment Plant at the cost of Rs.71.64 lakh and Rs.71.95 lakh in Aruppukkottai and Ramachandrapuram area of Virudhunagar District respectively.
- Dye houses with Common Effluent Treatment Plant with Zero Liquid Discharge at P.Thottiyapatti, Madurai District at a cost of Rs.72.06 lakh, Karaikudi, Sivagangai district at a cost of Rs.84.37 lakh and Sankarankovil area, Tenkasi district at a cost of Rs.72.11 lakh.

- Cheese Yarn Dyeing Machine has been installed at a cost of Rs.20.40 lakh at Karur Dye house and dyeing process for commercial export varieties are being carried out.

- To increase production capacity and strengthen the infrastructure of Tamil Nadu Zari Limited, Kancheepuram, the existing building has been renovated at a cost of Rs.1.67 crore.

- Cheyyar Circle, 20.53 acres of land has been purchased at a cost of Rs.2.70 crore at Periyanallur, Tiruvannamalai District, for setting up of Dr.Kalaignar Karunanidhi Centenary Memorial Handloom Silk Park Detailed Project Report for Weaving Shed Constructions and Infrastructure to the tune of Rs.44.69 crore has been submitted to Government for approval.

- To provide better infrastructure facilities for handloom weaving, attracting new generation into the profession and for sustenance of the handloom sector, the Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced Mini Handloom Park Scheme in potential handloom clusters in the State with financial assistance for creation of Infrastructure facilities, Common facilities, factory buildings, plant and machinery/looms and accessories at 10 Mini Handloom Parks at 1) Sirumugai (Coimbatore), 2) Chennimalai (Erode), 3) Aruppukottai (Virudhunagar), 4) Jeyamkondam (Perambalur), 5) Chinnalapatti (Dindigul), 6) Orikkai (Kancheepuram), 7) Emaneswaram (Paramakudi), 8) Ammaiyarkuppam (Thiruvallur), 9) Salem and 10) Gudiyatham (Vellore).

- By preserving the heritage and culture of Tamil Nadu and to gain world level popularity and for the visibility on the world map, to promote national integration, creating the concept of "One District One Product", helping local artisans to market their products, creating employment and increasing the marketing of quality indigenous products, a Multi level "UNITY Mall" will be set up as cultural skills center at a cost of Rs.227 crore at an area of 4.5 lakh sq. ft. on a 5.84 acres of land available in Co-optex Thillaiyadi Valliammai Complex, Egmore, Chennai. Detailed Project Report for this scheme has been submitted to the Union Government and the first phase of Rs.111.50 crore has been sanctioned by the Union Government on 31.01.2024.

- In order to regulate the reduction in production efficiency due to the cutting of threads during the production and to increase the production capacity of ordinary powerlooms in Tamil Nadu, a sum of Rs.6 crore has been sanctioned by the Government as subsidy for procuring Electronic Panel Boards in 5,000 powerlooms and installation of Electronic Panel Boards have been completed.

- An Electronic Jacquard Machine Service Center at a cost of Rs.10 lakh has been set up at the Weavers Training Centre located at Kancheepuram Kamatchiamman Weavers colony and for the benefit of Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. 101 Electronic Jacquard Machines have been repaired at the Service Centre.

- In order to create a modern, integrated and world-class textile industry in Tamil Nadu, a government subsidy scheme for textile entrepreneurs is being implemented to produce high-quality textile garments. Under this scheme, 10% additional capital subsidy

amounting to Rs.24.52 crore was given to 46 companies for the first time.

- In order to settle the pending rebate subsidy claims to Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, Rs.260.11 crore have been allocated respectively benefitting more than 850 Handloom Weaver Co-operative Societies and Co-optex. The Government have allocated Rs.760.11 crore towards Rebate Subsidy.

- To create a dedicated marketplace for handlooms and for promoting sales, Handlooms of India Showroom" in Coimbatore was inaugurated.

- In order to fulfill the handloom accessories' requirements of the customers, an Accessories Store has been inaugurated at co-operative campus at a cost of Rs.75 lakh during the 9th National Handloom Day celebrations.

- Handloom Outreach Programme was conducted by Co-optex and the department in 302 Colleges and Universities and the department and sales to the tune of Rs.3.72 crore has been made.

- Under the Weaver Induction cum Entrepreneurship Programme Weaving training given to 300 youngsters (159 persons with weaving background and 141 persons with non-weaving background) in 3 phases has been provided.

- In order to improve the Design Skills of Weavers, Design Skills Training has been provided to 300 weavers through Natesan Institute of Co-operative Management, Chennai and Institute of Co-operative Management, Madurai.

- In order to facilitate business through e-Commerce, e-Commerce training is provided to 300 Weavers of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies through Weavers Service Centre.

- Salesmanship Training has been given for 350 Sales staff of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex by the

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management, Coimbatore to improve sales efficiency.

- In order to develop diversified range of designs and colour combinations and to add elegance to the Handloom varieties produced by the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, Design Development Training has been imparted to 44 Designers of the societies through the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad at Erode Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society.
- In order to increase the saleability of handloom products produced by the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, 1,000 new designs have been developed by National Institute of Fashion Technology and provided to Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies for production.
- "Design Your Own Saree" concept for the customers has been implemented at a cost of Rs.10 lakh at Kancheepuram Arignar Anna Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram.
- From 01.11.2021, the pre-loom wages per unit provided under Distribution of Sarees and Dhotis Scheme have been increased from Rs.20.50 to Rs.26.67 per Handloom Saree, from Rs.20.50 to Rs.26.67 per Pedalloom Saree and from Rs.10.30 to Rs.12.36 per Handloom and Pedalloom Dhoty.
- For Pongal 2022 festival, Rs.493.69 crore has been released by the Government to provide 1.79 crore Sarees and 1.79 crore Dhotis to the beneficiaries.
- During Pongal 2023, the Government have sanctioned Rs.624.22 crore towards supply of 1.77 crore Sarees in 10 different colours with 15 different designs and 1.77 crore Dhotis with One inch borders in 5 different colours to beneficiaries which are comfortable to wear and acceptable to public.
- The Government has released an additional amount of Rs.148.71 crore to Weavers Co-operative Societies and Yarn Suppliers during the year 2022-2023 to clear the pending arrears of payment under the Scheme for the last five years since 2017.
- To implement the Distribution of Sarees and Dhotis Scheme for Pongal 2024, indent for production and supply of 1.68 crore sarees and 1.63 crore dhotis received from the revenue department and Rs.505.79 crore has been allocated by the Government for this scheme during the financial year 2023-2024.
- From 09.11.2021, Pre-loom Wages for handloom casement cloth and drill cloth provided under Uniform Scheme has been increased from Rs.4.32 to Rs.4.89 per metre for handloom casement cloth and from Rs.4.32 to Rs.4.89 per metre for pedal loom casement cloth and from Rs.3.81 to Rs.4.69 per metre for handloom drill cloth.
- Free Electricity of 200 units bi-monthly provided to Handloom Weavers enhanced to 300 units.
- Free Electricity at a cost of Rs.25.51 crore has been provided to 75,364 handloom weavers.
- Free Electricity of 750 units bi-monthly provided to Powerloom Weavers enhanced to 1,000 units.
- Free Electricity at a cost of Rs.1,241.78 crore has been provided to 1,62,799 Powerloom Weavers.

- Under Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Old Age Pension Scheme, Old Age Pension provided to the handloom weavers who have attained the age of 60 years has been increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,200 per month. 28,108 handloom weavers are being benefitted under the scheme.
- A sum of Rs.104 crore has been disbursed as Old Age Pension.
- Under Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Family Pension Scheme, Family Pension of Rs.1,000 per month being provided to the Family of the deceased weaver has been increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,200 per month. 1,194 handloom weavers' families are being benefitted under the scheme. A sum of Rs.4.29 crore has been disbursed as Family Pension.
- Under the National Handloom Development Programme by the Union Government, the state of Tamil Nadu has been consistently occupying first place in providing Mudra loans to weavers till now.
- Mudra Loans to the tune of Rs.191.67 crore have been disbursed under Weaver Mudra Scheme.
- The average per capita loan of Rs.44,918 during the year 2016-2017 has been increased to Rs.56,528 during the year 2023-2024.
- The members of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies have been provided with 10% hike in basic wages and 10% hike in Dearness Allowance (from 145% to 155%) from 01.01.2022. 10% increase in basic wages have provided.
- 82,847 handloom weavers in Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies benefitted.
- On the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Dr. Kalaignar, 100 Special Medical Camps for handloom weavers have been planned to be conducted in coordination with Health and Family Welfare Department in handloom weavers' cluster areas and 118 camps have been conducted benefitting 34,873 beneficiaries.
- Funeral Expenses Assistance given on the death of members of Weavers Co-operative Societies has been increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000.
- The fifth Pay Commission has been implemented for the 1,033 permanent staff working in Weavers Co-operative Societies and accordingly their pay and allowances have been revised in the new increased pay scale.
- The 406 Temporary employees who have been working in 246 Weavers Co-operative societies for more than 10 years and receiving special time scale of pay have been made permanent.
- The minimum period required for payment of subscription under Savings and Security Scheme for final full payment has reduced from 25 years to 20 years and 12,148 members under the scheme benefitted.
- Rs.31.13 crore has been released towards Government contribution under Savings and Security Scheme.
- A 'Toda Embroidery Co-operative Production and Marketing Society' as a first of its kind in the Nilgiris District was inaugurated for the welfare of toda tribes.
- 312 toda tribes enrolled as members and are benefitted in the society.

- Efforts are being made to bring other tribes under co-operative fold to market the unique varieties of cloth produced by them.
- Computerization of Activities of Weavers Co-operative Societies at a cost of Rs.50 lakh is being developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- Software Module for Cotton Societies was launched in 1st phase, during the 9th National Handloom Day.
- Development of Software module for Silk Societies is under process.
- In order to preserve the heritage of handloom products of Tamil Nadu and Geographical Indication products of Tamil Nadu origin, exclusive traditional handloom varieties of Tamil Nadu have been digitized and documented.
- State level Young Designer Award Scheme, first three Young Designers selected through State Level Best Young Designer Award Competition were awarded cash prize of Rs.1,00,000, Rs.75,000 and Rs.50,000 for First, Second and Third prizes respectively.
- To address and satisfy the various exigencies of the Textile and clothing industry, a new and exclusive department for the Textile and Clothing Industry named "Department of Textiles" has been created in the year 2021 by bifurcating the erstwhile Department of Handlooms and Textiles.
- Under the "Mini Textile Park" scheme, The Government is providing Financial Assistance of 50% of Eligible project costs up to a maximum of Rs.2.50 crore for setting up Common Infrastructures and facilities and factory buildings.
- As of now, the Tamil Nadu Government has issued orders to establish 9 Mini Textile parks in various districts and a sum of Rs.5 crore has been sanctioned for the implementation of the Scheme. Further 4 more DPRS are under the consideration of the Government.
- A Textile City involving the entire textile value chain is proposed to be established near Chennai.
- The Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu organized a two-day International Conference at the Feathers Hotel, Chennai. The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and CII have organized the Conference on 'Technical Textile' at Coimbatore, at Le Meredian.
- The Department of Textiles in association with Southern India Textile Research Association (SITRA) and PSG Tech organized the '2 days Workshop on Technical Textiles' at Hotel Jenneys Residency, Coimbatore.
- The Government has fixed an investment attraction target worth of Rs.5,000 crore in the Textile Sector towards 6th Global Investors Meet 2024. An investment worth of Rs.5,041.57 crore was attracted and an MOU was also signed.
- Financial assistance of Rs.1,869.442 lakh has been provided to 10,950 beneficiaries for plantation of 17,062.30 acres of high yielding mulberry varieties.
- A sum of Rs.3,283.230 lakh has been provided as financial assistance to 3,031 sericulture farmers for construction of separate silkworm rearing sheds.

- Silkworm rearing appliances and farm equipments were procured at a cost of Rs.2,353.750 lakh and distributed to 5,520 farmers.
- 800 Power tillers are procured at a cost of Rs.280 lakh and distributed to pioneer sericulture farmers.
- Cash awards have been distributed to the Best Sericulture farmers, Best Silk Reelers at State level at a cost of Rs.1,00,000, Rs.75,000 and Rs.50,000 as First, Second and Third prizes respectively.
- Cash awards have been distributed to the Best sericulture farmers at District level at a cost of Rs.25,000, Rs.20,000 and Rs.15,000 as First, Second and Third prizes respectively.
- For the welfare of Women Self Help Groups, 14 Chawkie Rearing Centres have been established in 14 Government Farms at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- State government share of Rs.92.381 lakh has been provided to 380 farmers for installation of drip irrigation system in 600.40 acres of Mulberry Garden.
- State Government share of Rs.141.02 lakh has been provided to 4 entrepreneurs for establishing 4 Automatic Silk Reeling Units of 400 ends.
- A new multi-graded cold storage unit with a preservation capacity of one crore silkworm eggs has been established at the campus of Tamil Nadu Sericulture Training Institute, Hosur, Krishnagiri District for which a sum of Rs.2.23 crore has been sanctioned by the State Government.
- 15 new Silk Twisting Units have been established by private entreprenuers with the subsidy given by Government of Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.33.62 lakh.

- 5,803.220 Metric Tonnes of cocoons have been transacted for a value of Rs.27,717.768 lakh crore in the Government Cocoon markets.

- 521.374 Metric Tonnes of Ready silk (Twisted Silk) have been sold to Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies for a value of Rs.25,488 lakh through Tamil Nadu Co-operative Silk Producers Federation Ltd (TANSILK), Kancheepuram.

- New government cocoon market has been inaugurated in Rasipuram, Namakkal district and 295.012 Metric Tonnes of cocoons have been transacted for a value of Rs.1,329.669 lakh. The Government has generated revenue of Rs.19.945 lakh from the levy collected in this cocoon market.

- The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation (Poompuhar) has achieved sales turnover of Rs.106.54 crore through its 12 major Poompuhar showrooms, 10 small outlets and e-commerce platform after recovery of Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and has steadily earned profit through its sales activities.

- The artisans welfare is the main objective of the Corporation hence it has been decided to renovate and upgrade the 7 Poompuhar production centres located at Nachiarkoil, Madurai, Vagaikulam, Swamimalai, Thanjavur, Kallakurichi and Mamallapuram with all amenities to the artisans who were previously working in poor condition of the production unit. The Government has sanctioned Rs.3.50 crore for renovation and upgradation of these production centers. The renovation work at Swamimalai, Mamallapuram and Nachiyarkoil is completed and the work is under progress at other production centers.

- The Geographical Indication tag has been given to various 14 handicraft products of Tamil Nadu.

- Every year, Poompuhar honors Mastercraft persons by conferring State Level awards on them for, recognizing their excellent skill and craftsmanship. The craftsmen were honored with 263 awards.

- Living Craft Treasure Award (Rs.One lakh cash, 8 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiram and certificate) for 10 crafts person, Poompuhar State Award (Rs.50,000/- cash, 4 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiram and a certificate) for 10 crafts person, Poompuhar District Craft Award (Rs.10,000/- cash, silver medal and a certificate) for 85 crafts person, Handicrafts Export Award (Rs.40,000/- cash, 4 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiram and a certificate) for 2 crafts person, Team Production Award (Rs.40,000/- cash, 4 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiram and a certificate) for 3 Teams, Utility Based Handicrafts Award (Rs.40,000/- cash, 4 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiramanda certificate) for 3 crafts person and Gen next Competition (Rs.2,000/- cash, silver medal and a certificate) for 150 crafts person. Living Craft Treasure to the best 10 master crafts person (above 65 years) and Poompuhar State Awards conferred to the best 10 Master Craftsperson and honoured them.

- Tamil Nadu week was celebrated in the Indian pavilion of Dubai Expo-2022 at Dubai. Poompuhar exhibited wide varieties of handicrafts along with handicrafts

demonstration. And also, the handicrafts were showcased Virtually through Virtual Reality demonstration kit to the public.

- Common Facility Center (CFC) is a place where, artisans can converge and use the infrastructure provided with machineries and tools to produce handicrafts, and also for giving training to artisans.
- 5 common facility centres located at Kancheepuram for Papier mache, Arumbavur for wood carving, Thammampatti for wood carving, Ambasamudram for lacquerware and Hasanur for lantana crafts for the benefit of handicrafts artisans in those clusters.
- Two more common facility centres established towards revival of languishing crafts – Pathamadai Korai mat at Tirunelveli and Clay & Terracotta at Vikravandi, Viluppuram District. These two common facility centres have been constructed at a cost of Rs.47 lakh each fully funded by the State Government of Tamil Nadu. Nearly 2,500 artisans get benefit by these Common Facility Centers.
- A common facility center for clay handicrafts has been set up at karukurichi.
- Poompuhar has showcased Tamil Nadu's tradition and culture through handicrafts by Specially designed items like "Mamallapuram Seashore Temple" and "Chess Thambi", miniatures of Bharathiyar and Thiruvalluvar, historical monuments, Paintings as well as craft items sourced from artisans were displayed and sold during 44th World Chess Olympiad exhibition at Mamallapuram there by attracting the foreigner and tourist.
- Awareness camps for artisans across Tamil Nadu has been conducted for benefit of artisans and making them aware of the Government schemes and aid provided to them.
- Enrollment / renewal of handicraft artisans under Tamil Nadu Handicraft Workers Welfare Board (https://tnuwwb.tn.gov.in).
- Enrollment of handicraft artisans under e-Shram portal of Ministry of Labour& Employment (https://register.eshram.gov.in).
- Enrollment of handicraft artisans under e-Repository scheme of the TNHDC Ltd., (https://poompuhar.com/artisan) and explaining the details of Welfare schemes of TNHDC Ltd., like various categories of State Awards.
- Details of Welfare schemes of "Tamil Nadu Handicraft Workers Welfare Board" for handicraft artisans.
- Details of Welfare / development schemes of O/o DC (Handicrafts) including registration/ renewal of artisans under "PEHCHAN" ID cards.
- So for, 22 awareness camps across Tamil Nadu.
- Handcrafted souvenirs celebrating Tamil Nadu's heritage and culture, crafted with 3D technology has been designed and produced in various diverse range of utility items.
- Featuring iconic landmarks and cultural traditions like the majestic Mamallapuram Seashore Temple, Jallikattu, the Tamil Nadu Skyline, Chennai Skyline, Valluvar Kottam Miniature, Five Rathas pen stand, Chennai Central Wall hanging, Kanniyakumari Thiruvalluvar statue, Chennai Skyline,

Yazhi pen stand, Namma Chennai, Thiruvannamalaiyar Panel, Tharasuram, Keezhadi Fridge Magnet, Dances of Tamil Nadu, and Thanjavur Big Temple Fridge Magnets, each piece reflects the state's architectural and cultural richness.

- With a focus on affordability to consumers, these souvenirs have achieved significant sales and serve as tangible reminders of Tamil Nadu's legacy in Poompuhar showrooms and exhibitions. The sale of these souvenirs has reached Rs.1.37 crore.
- Co-optex has achieved sales to the tune of Rs.621.97 crore through its sales outlets.
- Co-optex has opened new outlets in Velachery, Avadi, Teynampet and Varanasi which are located in potential Market Places and Major commercial hubs of Chennai City and Varanasi (Uttarpradesh) so as to expand the market for maximizing the sales volume of Co-optex.
- Co-optex newly constructed showrooms were inaugurated at Hosur and Tirunelveli.
- In order to showcase the products highlighting its unique features to grab the attention of customers and to gain their co nfidence, 200 Mannequins were provided to the showrooms for displaying the unique designed sarees and other varieties.
- 48 Handloom and 30 Powerloom societies were admitted as member societies of Co-optex.
- Handloom Awarness Programme was conducted among the Students of Colleges and Universities all over Tamil Nadu at 142 colleges and achieved a sale of Rs.2.45 crore.
- Handlooms of India Showroom was opened during the year 2023 to sell all states unique Handloom Products in Coimbatore Loom World Handloom Complex.
- In order to create awareness on handloom weaving among the customers, 50 Table Top Looms were installed at Co-optex and Weavers Co-operative Society Showrooms.
- Virtual dressing Room Machine is provided at Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Pattu Maaligai Showroom, Chennai during the year 2023 to facilitate the customers to feel the look of a saree/shirt/dhoti wearing virtually and to select to suit their needs.
- "Silk Festival" was conducted at Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Pattu Maligai, Chennai, Thangam Pattu Maaligai, Salem and Mullai, Cuddalore and achieved sales of Rs.3.83 crore.
- Handloom Day is celebrated on 07.08.2023 at Co-optex Exhibition Ground and a Fashion Show was also conducted to promote the Handloom Products of Handloom Weavers of Tamil Nadu.
- Co-optex has opened the 8 exclusive product showrooms at Co-optex Marketing Complex, Chennai to elevate the interest and preference among the customers for buying Co-optex products.
- National Handloom Expo 2022 was conducted at Co-optex Exhibition Ground, Chennai on 08.04.2022 after a span of 10 years period. This Exhibition was held from 08.04.2022 to 01.05.2022. In this Exhibition, Handloom Weavers' Societies from Tamil Nadu as well as societies from 10 other states have participated with over 100 stalls and

Rs.3.52 crore value of goods were sold in this Expo.

- ❖ National Handloom Expo 2023 was conducted at Co-optex Exhibition Ground, Chennai from 29.03.2023 to 23.04.2023. In this exhibition Handloom Weavers Societies from Tamil Nadu and other States have participated with over 115 stalls and Rs.3.76 crore value of goods were sold.
- ❖ As a part of Product Development activity, Co-optex has engaged eight freelance designers trained from reputed Institutions like NID / NIFT and deployed in Coimbatore, Salem, Kancheepuram, Thanjavur, Madurai, Erode production clusters.
- ❖ During the year 2022-2023, Co-optex has developed 280 new designs in all categories.
- ❖ Making Co-optex a final destination for complete family shopping, exquisite design collection in silk and cotton sarees were developed with due design intervention by the professional designers from NID / NIFT etc., and various new products were introduced under "Tamil Thari" brand.
- ❖ A "Zari Authenticity Card" has been introduced for the first time in the country in order to increase the confidence of the customers on purity of Zari used in the production and supply of Silk Sarees from Co-optex.
- ❖ An exclusive showroom for "Organic Cotton Kids Wear" for kids was opened in order to cater to the clothing requirement especially for children under 2 years of age and ensuring their safety and comfort, combining with other factors like eco friendliness.
- ❖ Living in Metro cities, Co-optex is marketing products of Toda Tribes and exhibited for sale at Co-optex Handloom Mall Export Showroom.
- ❖ As a part of Socio-Economic development activity, Co-optex has also extended marketing support by entering MOU with M/s. SATYA JOTHI, functioning at Chennai for a Sheltered work shop for the blind, thereby ensuring continuous employment to the visually impaired women besides helping to improve their economical status.
- ❖ Cotton Sarees are ornamented with small buttas by using natural fibres. These natural fibres possess Anti-Allergic and Anti-Microbial properties. Initially around

100 sarees, 50 stoles and 100 Churidar Materials have been marketed by Co-optex Egmore showroom.

- An innovative IT-based electronic IOT device is installed with the objective of Digitalization, Authentication and Traceability for Handloom Products. Initially the IOT Hasta devices are installed in 150 Handlooms which covers Export, High Value Products and GI Products in various clusters in Tamil Nadu.

- Renovation and Refurbishment of Head Office Conference Hall, erection of arch at the main entrance and brightening-up the pathway to the Co-optex Handloom Mall and installation of backlit LED advertisement boards had been carried out.

- Based on the inputs provided by the Business Management consulting firm engaged exclusively for improving the sales, 3 showrooms were revamped and modernised viz., Basavanagudi, Vijayanagar and Ram Mandir in Bengaluru Region during the year 2021-2022. The transformation of these showrooms yielded a positive impact fetching Rs.4.63 crore sales with an increase of 47% over the last year 2020-2021.

- In order to increase the sale, 13 showrooms in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Bihar were modernized.

- In order to improve the look and feel with better ambience, 21 showrooms of Co-optex have been given improved Front Elevation/ lighting to attract increased customer footfalls.

- Social Awarness initiative by the students, teachers and staff of AMET University on 2nd October 2022, Gandhi's Birthday to sell handloom products in and around AMET University. Through this sales campaign, Rs.83.29 lakh worth of Co-optex fabrics were sold.

- Co-optex has performed well and achieved profit of Rs.21.06 crore respectively.

- Arrears of rent of Rs.2.20 crore paid for the year 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 for Co-optex outlets operating in the Corporation, Municipal and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department Buildings, which had not been paid for many years, have been settled.

- To alleviate the sufferings of the potters during rainy season, rainy season allowance of Rs.4.44 crore have been disbursed to 8,886 potters at Rs.5,000 per family. Apart from that Rs.1.36 crore have been additionally disbursed to 2,728 pottery workers who are engaged in making Ganesha idols.

- In view of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary Birth Anniversary Celebration, during the Gandhi Jayanthi and Deepavali Special Sale Inauguration at Kuralagam Khadi Kraft, Chennai, the 'Best Clay Potter' was selected and awarded with a cash prize of Rs.5,000.

- Sale of block printed with new colour tones and designs in the name of "Aathirai Collections".

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Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare

Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare
Thiru. Ma.Subramanian

Director of Medical and Rural Health Services

- 1,911 Staff Nurses who were working on contract basis have been absorbed in to regular time scale pay.
- Appointment of 1,412 nurses who were working on temporary basis during the corona pandemic as contract based nurses.
- An amount of Rs.50 lakh has been re-alloted to Government Hospital, Marakanam, Viluppuram District for Establishment of Emergency Care Centre.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, a total amount of Rs.87 crore has been given to 143 Government frontline workers / 31 Private frontline workers who were deceased during the Covid 19 pandemic.
- 19 District Government Hospitals has been upgraded as District Headquarters Hospital.
- Upgradation of 19 Government Hospital as District Headquarters Hospital and also upgradation of 6 Government Hospitals on par with District Headquarters Hospitals, at a cost of Rs.1,018.85 crore.

- Construction of MCH Building in 7 Government Headquarters Hospitals at a cost of Rs.78.30 crore.
- Establishment of SNCU at the District, Government Hospitals in Srirangam and Mettupalayam at a cost of Rs.60 Lakh.
- Establishment of Comprehensive Emergency Care in 5 Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.11.62 crore.
- Construction of New Building in Government Taluk Hospital, Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Establishment of Poison Management Centre in the Government Hospital Kalakadu, Tirunelveli District at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- Establishment of Emergency Care Centre in Government Hospital Vandavasi, Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.
- Establishment of Trauma Registry in Government Headquarters Hospital Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Erode and Perambalur at a cost of Rs. 2.78 lakh.
- Construction of Modern Post mortem building along with the provision of equipments in Government Hospital Yercaud, Salem District at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- Establishment of 100 bedded Critical Care block in Government Head Quarters Hospital, Cuddalore at a cost of Rs.40.05 crore and 50 bedded Critical Care block in Government Hospitals in Ottanchathiram, Sirkazhi, Melur and Uthankarai at a cost of Rs.95 crore.
- Establishment of District Integrated Public Health Laboratory in 11 Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore.
- Strengthening of Government Hospital Uthamapalayam, Theni District at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- Strengthening of Government Hospital Periyakulam, Theni District at a cost of Rs.8 crore.
- Establishment of Emergency Care Centre in Government Hospital Thirumayam, Pudukottai District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

- ❖ Construction of New TAEI Building Government Hospital, Chengam Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore.
- ❖ Establishment of Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and New Born Care (CEmONC) Centre at Government Maternity Child Health Hospital Vijayapuram, Tiruvarur District at a cost of Rs.6 crore.
- ❖ Establishment of 50 bedded Critical Care block in Government Hospitals in Paramathivelur, Arakkonam and Ulundurpettai at a cost of Rs.71.25 crore.
- ❖ Establishment of New Integrated Public Health Laboratories Government Hospitals in Pallacode, Connoor and Sirkazhi Government Headquarters Hospitals in Kancheepuram, Mannargudi and Kovilpatti at a cost of Rs.6 crore.
- ❖ Construction of additional building at Government Headquarters Hospital in Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 9 crore.

Family Welfare Programme

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu was first among all the States in India in Post Partum Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD) insertion and was awarded the First prize for exemplary Services in National Level by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the National Family Planning Summit 2022.
- ❖ 8,58,743 Female sterilization surgeries have been performed.
- ❖ 3,788 Male Sterilization surgeries have been performed.
- ❖ 5,05,440 Chhaya pills have been issued for the eligible mothers.
- ❖ 2,19,927 Antara Injection have been issued for the eligible mothers.
- ❖ 1,37,490 Emergency pills have been issued for the eligible mothers.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has achieved remarkable increase in modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate from 52.6 per cent to 65.5 per cent according to NFHS-V.
- ❖ The unmet need for contraceptive has come down from 10.1 per cent to 7.5 per cent according to NFHS-V.
- ❖ Total Fertility Rate has come down from 1.8 to 1.4.

Directorate of Public Health snd Preventive Medicine

Performance of Routine Immunization:

❖ The recent National Family Health Survey (NFHS) shown the improvement of the State Full Immunization Coverage at 90.4 per cent.

COVID Vaccination

❖ Government of Tamil Nadu till date has received 11.64 crore doses received from Government of India and about 29.18 lakh doses has been purchased from TNMSC.

❖ 38 Mega COVID Vaccination Camps were being conducted and 5.51 crore vaccine doses have been provided.

Coverage

❖ Over 11.84 crore doses of Covid Vaccine have been administered to beneficiaries over 12 years of age.

Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS)

❖ Under this program IFA Supplements are distributed free of cost on a weekly basis to the target group at Government and Government Aided Schools and Anganwadis. Biannual Deworming is done through administering T.Albendazole (400 mg), for control of worming infestation.

Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS)

❖ Sanitary napkins are supplied free of cost in schools through Nodal Teachers and through Anganwadi workers for Non – School going adolescent girls not going to school.

❖ 2.32 lakh adolescents were treated with Clinical Services and 2.15 lakh Adolescents were given Counselling Services.

❖ 18,622 camps were conducted. Totally, 8.55 lakh adolescent Males and 10.24 lakh adolescent females were screened.

Mother and Baby Care Kit

❖ Mother and Baby care Kits consisting of 16 products which cost Rs.184.70 crore were distributed to 12.12 lakh postnatal Mothers.

Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres

❖ The UHC program in Tamil Nadu in the year 2021-2022 was the recruitment of 4,848 Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs)

and 2,448 Multipurpose Health Worker (MPHW) male /Health Inspector (HI) grade II for the delivery of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) and continuum of care through Health and Wellness Centre-Health Sub-Centers (HWC-HSCs).

❖ The placement of 7,296 new staff was done through a meticulous assessment procedure including a weightage-based scoring sheet.

❖ The campaign was implemented in Tamil Nadu under the name of "Sudhandhirathirunal Amutha Peruvizha".

❖ The State won two awards for undertaking the 22 type of NCD screenings (29.88 lakh screenings) in the country and conducting the third highest number of wellness sessions (85,514 sessions) during the course of the campaign.

❖ Out of the 10,193 Health and Wellness Centers, which is the target set by the Union Government, 8,246 Health and Wellness Centers have been currently established and functioning in the State. Actions were taken to upgrade 2,443 health sub centres as Health and wellness centres.

NCD - Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

❖ Population based screening of Hypertension, diabetes and common cancer.

❖ Drugs distribution to Hypertension and diabetes patients aged 45 year above and those who are with restricted mobility.

❖ Palliative Care services.

❖ Physiotherapy services.

❖ Delivery of peritoneal dialysis bags to chronic Kidney disease patients.

❖ One crore beneficiaries have benefited towards through first time service and 1.85 crore persons here availed follow up services. An amount of Rs.632.80 crore has been utilized for this Program.

❖ NCD tests including high blood pressure and diabetes are planned to be conducted for 8.53 lakh workers in 711 factories in the first phase and 5.27 lakh workers have been tested till 22.07.2024. 26,861 employees have been newly diagnosed with symptoms of non-communicable disease and are undergoing continuous testing.

❖ 15,500 influenza vaccines have been administered to front-line workers.

❖ In Tamil Nadu, 10,049 special fever camps have been conducted in the year 2023 and 12.34 lakh persons were tested and among them 8,044 persons were diagnosed with fever and given appropriate treatment.

❖ 14,365 medical camps were conducted in the Michaung cyclone post flood affected areas benefiting 8.45 lakh persons.

❖ Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Tenkasi and Kanniyakumari districts were severely affected with flood and water inundation. In order to prevent the spread of epidemic diseases in the flood inundated areas, 10,454 medical camps were conducted in post flood affected areas benefiting 4.87 lakh persons.

Mobile Medical Unit

❖ 389 Mobile Medical Unit Vehicles at a cost of Rs.70.02 crore were procured through TNMSC from NHM funds and 389 Vehicles were sent to concerned districts for conducting Mobile Medical Camps.

- 7.96 lakh camps were conducted and 6.15 crore persons have benefitted.

Kalaignar's Varumun Kappom Thittam

- 4,224 camps were conducted and 3.69 lakh persons were benefitted.

Directorate of Medical Rural Health Services

- 19 New ESI Dispensary 71,832 Insured Persons, had been opened and started functioning for the welfare of Insured Persons and their family members.

National Health Mission

"Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam"

- Under "Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam", a total of 1.85 crore patients have received the first time services and 4.07 crore patients have benefitted from follow up services.

Maternal Health

- Tamil Nadu is the first state to recommend and implement COVID vaccination for Antenatal Mothers in addition to Vaccination for Lactating Mothers.
- The unit is furnished and provided with equipment at a total cost of Rs.51.95 lakh.
- Six Staff Nurses were nominated as Midwifery Educator and were sent to Fernandez Institute, Telangana to undergo Midwifery Educator training for a period of six months. The 6 Staff Nurses as Midwifery Educator are providing further training to 16 Staff nurses for a period of 18 months in Midwifery and will be designated as Nurse Practitioner Midwife (NPM) at Institute of Social Obstetrics, Kathurba Gandhi Hospital.

Life Saving Anesthetic Skills (LSAS) and Emergency Maternal and Obstetric Care

- 29 Medical officers in Life Saving Anesthetic Skills (LSAS) and 7 Medical officers in Emergency Maternal and Obstetric Care (EMOC) have undergone training programme.

Child Health

- There are 83 Sick New Born Care Units (SNCU) in the State altogether and after 2021, 7 Sick New Born Care Units and additional 5 Extramural Sick New Born Care Units have been established.
- 4 New born stabilization units have been established in Chennai Corporation.
- Establishment of Genetic Centres of Excellence at ICH Egmore Chennai, Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and Coimbatore Medical College Hospital for diagnosis of genetic disorders.
- 2 New Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) have been established at Vellore and The Nilgiris Government Medical college Hospital.
- Received Union Government award for Comprehensive Lactation Management Units for the year 2023 (Ensuring Breast Milk for Every Baby).
- First prize for Tamil Nadu for benefiting maximum number of Sick Newborn in the country.
- Home Based Young Child Care (HBYC) is implemented in all the districts by ASHA and Anganwadi workers to continuously monitor the welfare of children up to the age of two years.

Nutritional status

- 16,253 SAM children were identified and necessary interventions were provided to improve their nutritional status.

15th Finance Commission Grants for Health

- In the past three years, the Government has achieved notable milestones in healthcare infrastructure and services through the utilization of funds obtained under the 15th Finance Commission Grants for Health. Substantial funding from the Union Government has been secured for an amount of Rs.2,446.08 crore has been allocated. Construction for buildings for 91 Health Sub centres and 14 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) has been completed. 354 Health Sub centre buildings and 104 PHC buildings are under construction, aimed at further expanding the infrastructure. Additionally, 28 buildings for Sub District Hospitals are currently under construction, contributing to the enhancement of healthcare infrastructure.

- In urban areas, 500 Urban Health and Wellness Centres have been established.

- Under the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, Rs.508.85 crore has been sanctioned.

Emergency COVID-19 Response Preparedness Package-II (ECRP-II)

- The Union Government has approved Rs.799 crore as additional resources under the Emergency COVID-19 Response Preparedness Package-II (ECRP-II) out of which Rs.266.32 crore being the 40 per cent share of the State was contributed and concerted measures put in place by the State, the pandemic was substantially contained.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

- The Universal Health Coverage (UHC) program has been integrated with 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' (MTM) scheme. So far 4,848 Health Sub-Centres, 1,384 Primary Health Centre, 460 Urban Primary Health Centres and 650 Ayush Primary Health Centres have been transformed into Maruthuva Nalavalvu Nilaiyam (MNN). 500 centres for which Urban UHWCs have been established as Maruthuva Nalavalvu Nilaiyam, erstwhile in the Urban areas.

❖ The Maruthuva Nalavalvu Nilaiyam provide 12 comprehensive health care services.

❖ A new cadre called Mid-Level Healthcare providers (MLHP), equivalent to the Staff Nurse cadre, has been created and appointed at 4,848 HSCs in order to strengthen primary health care services.

❖ Under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Programme Tamil Nadu has won first place for NCD Screening services and won third place for carrying out wellness activity in the 'Suthandhira thirunal amudha peruvizha' campaign.

❖ On the National Universal Health Coverage Day Celebration 2022, Tamil Nadu was recognized as the 'First' among the largest States for having achieved the highest number of Tele-consultation Health Services through Health and Wellness Centres.

❖ "Makkal Nalavazhvu Kuzhu (MNK) has been formed at the HSC- level in the State.

National Viral Hepatitis Control programme

❖ Under National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme out of 32,12,795 lakh registered Antenatal mothers, 30,96,960 lakh mothers were screened for Hepatitis-B. Hepatitis-B immunoglobulin was administered to 1,600 infants born to infected mothers.

Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)

❖ 389 Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) vehicles were provided at a cost of Rs. 70.02 crore to strengthen medical services in remote villages. Out of 5,13,747 camps conducted by 396 Mobile Medical Unit, 33,92,80,161 people have benefited.

- An additional subsidy of Rs.100 crore has been provided to the state for achieving the targets set by the Union Government under Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers in the financial year 2021-2022.

National Quality Assurance Standards Certification Programme

- Under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Certification Programme, 10 Government District Head Quarters Hospitals, 51 Government Sub- District Hospitals, 105 Government Community Health Centres, 350 Government Primary Health Centres, 80 Government Urban Primary Health Centres and 2 Health Sub-Centre – Health & Wellness Centre (HSC-HWC) which totals to 598 facilities have been Nationally certified.

- Under the Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative LaQshya, have been Nationally certified, with a total of 91 facilities.

Single Nodal Account: (SNA)

- Single Nodal Account (SNA) has been opened at the National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu and 3,053 Subsidiary Accounts have been opened for all the Implementing Agencies. Accordingly, funds are being released and utilization of funds monitored through the Single Nodal Account.

"Right to Healthcare"

- National Health Mission organized a landmark Consultative Workshop to guide the drafting of a "Right to Healthcare" Bill for Tamil Nadu.

Climate Change

- The National Health Mission Tamil Nadu organized a Workshop.

National Mental Health Program

- Necessary counseling services for the concerned students who required counseling, were delivered for 3.19 lakh NEET aspirants. In addition, an attempt to provide Tele-counselling to 72,716 students who did not clear the 10th standard board examination, and 98,851 students who have failed the 12th standard board examination was made in 2023.
- In order to enable those who have recovered from Mental Illness to get used to the home environment, the Intermediate Care Centre (Halfway Home) was inaugurated at Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Kilpauk, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.2.36 crore.
- "Muthiyor Mananalam" [Geriatric Mental Health] program was launched to cater the Mental Health needs of elderly population.
- "Tele-Manas" Cell 1 was inaugurated on Oct, 27, 2022 to provide counselling for Mental Health problems through the toll-free phone number "14416" at an estimated cost of Rs.2.08 crore.
- In order to strengthen the morale of school and college students, initial phase of Mananala Nallatharavu Mandram (MaNaM) Thittam was inaugurated in all the 36 Government Medical Colleges in Tamil Nadu. Consecutively, MaNaM programme was extended to Schools and Colleges in all the districts by the District Mental Health Programme [DMHP] teams.
- "Training for counseling on suicide prevention" is being imparted to 104 Health Helpline Psychologists in coordination with a NGO to reduce the incidence of suicide cases in Tamil Nadu.
- In Chennai, Tondiarpet, an Emergency Care and Recovery Centre [ECRC] was started.
- Tamil Nadu received the Best Performance Award from the Union Government for achieving the highest number of calls through 14416 TeleMANAS helpline during the World Mental Health Day.
- TeleMANAS Cell -2 was launched at the Institute of Mental Health campus, Kilpauk.
- Kannagi Nagar near Thoraipakkam, Chennai was selected to organize a community based fully residential De-Addiction Treatment Camp, MANAM Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre in partnership with reputed NGO, TTK in two phases. 32 persons were admitted and treated as inpatients in two phases of the camps.
- To strengthen Mental Health Services in the Primary Care level and to enhance access to Mental Health Services for the people, training was given to all the Medical Officers and Mid-level Health Providers [MLHPs] on Integrated Mental Health Services for Post-Partum Depression and De-Addiction services. Training has been completed for 80 percent of the Primary level Health care work force.
- Under Emergency Care and Recovery Centers [ECRCs] for the rescue and rehabilitation of wandering Mentally Ill persons – two new NGO led ECRCs have been inaugurated at Thoothukudi and Thiruvallur.

- To increase the scientific temper and to promote research in Mental Health, an international conference on Mental Health, "FUTURE OF MEDICINE" was organized at the Chennai Trade Center, Nandambakkam for deliberating and exchanging updates on developments in the area of Mental Health.

Human Resource

- As many as 7,823 employees working in National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu were converted from the outsourcing mode of appointment to Contract mode.
- 30 per cent of Salary hike has been provided to 38,883 contract staff of Health Department inclusive of Staff Nurses at a cost of Rs.90.28 crore.

Covid

- 17 RT-PCR equipments have been procured and installed in the needy laboratories at a cost of Rs.5.10 crore.
- Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) laboratory has been established at a cost of Rs.4 crore at State Public Health Lab, DMS Complex, Chennai.
- Spirometers have been procured at a cost of Rs.56.62 lakh and supplied to 38 Government Hospitals to assess the Lung function.
- Tamil Nadu stands the first state in recommending and implementing COVID vaccination for Antenatal Mothers. 6.54 lakh Antenatal Mothers and 5.17 lakh lactating mothers have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

Award under - Sub National Certification for TB free status

- In 2023, as an outcome of Sub National Certification for TB free status survey, The Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu was awarded TB free states for 80 per cent reduction of TB disease burden and district of Tiruchirapalli and Thiruvarur were awarded gold for 60 per cent deduction of TB diseases burden and the districts of Madurai, Thoothukudi, Karur, Kanniyakumari and Tiruvannamalai were awarded Silver for 40 per cent reduction of TB burden and the district of Krishnagiri was awarded Bronze for 20 per cent reduction in TB disease burden.

Sudhandhirathirunal Amutha Peruvizha

- Tamil Nadu has won Two Awards from Union Government for having undertaken 22 highest number of 29.88 lakh NCD screenings in the country and conducted the third undertaken highest number of 85,514 wellness sessions.

AYUSH

- AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) services have been co-located in 475 PHCs under NHM. 2.49 crore Out-Patients have been treated.

Rashtriya Bal Swasthiya Karyakram (RBSK)

- The New born screening has been performed at delivery points wherein 15.56 lakh New-borns have been screened.
- 70.37 lakh children have been screened by RBSK Teams.
- 26.93 lakh children have been confirmed with birth defects.

Awards for Best Anemia Mukt Bharat Coverage

- Tamil Nadu has been awarded two Second prizes under Anemia Mukt Bharat. One Second prize as Anemia Warriors in "Best Anemia Mukt Bharat Coverage" for the year 2022-2023 and another Second prize as Anemia Warriors in "Healthy under 5 Babies" for the year 2022-2023 under "Anemia Mukth Bharat programme"
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded the Best Converging Mechanisms Award for implementing RBSK programme and School Health and Wellness Ambassador Programme in convergence with School Education department by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Union Government during the year 2022-2023.
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded for best Menstrual Hygiene Campaign Award at Workshop at National School Health and Wellness Ambassador Programme under Rastriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram.

Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Intiative

- Under Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative, 8 hospitals were newly identified for strengthening of emergency care services, thus increasing the count of TAEI centres to 94 in the State.
- MD Emergency Medicine course was started in 22 Medical College Hospitals and 169 students joined in the State.
- TAEI centers has been certified as "Semi-Finalist" in the prestigious SKOCH Award 2022.

- Innuyir Kappom, Nammai Kakkum-48 (IKT NK-48), 2.73 lakh Road Traffic Injured patients availed treatment under the scheme amounting to Rs.238.33 crore.

- Under 108 Emergency ambulance services, 75 more new Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulance, 62 Basic Life Support Ambulances and 98 Transport Ventilators have been provided at a cost of Rs.25.50 crore.

Poison Management

- For advanced treatment of Rodenticide poisoning, underwent PLEX machines were installed at a total cost of Rs.1.80 crore in 6 high case load centres.

- Coimbatore Medical College Hospital has been designated as the Apex Training Center for Rodenticide Poison Management and PLEX therapy. A total of 169 Doctors, 169 Nurses and 76 Technicians from 131 Government hospitals across the State have participated and benefitted through these sessions.

- At present PLEX is being done by the 17 Medical College Hospitals in the state. A total of 12,327 patients were admitted due to rodenticide poisoning of whom 1,532 patients under went PLEX therapy, resulting in 64.1 per cent of deaths being averted.

- The TN Indian Society for Gastroenterology awarded Government of Tamil Nadu for reducing deaths due to Rodenticide ingestion in Tamil Nadu at the Annual Gastroenterology Symposium.

- In all Government hospitals, including the Primary Health Centres, the availability of anti-snake venom, Immunoglobulin for dog bites and Anti Rabies Vaccine (ARV) have been ensured 24x7.

TN-Heart Attack Management Program

- 22,299 Cath Lab Emergency Procedures, 16,119 patients have undergone Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and 37,461 patients have availed Angiogram, totaling 53,580 beneficiaries.

Idhayam Kaapom Thittam

- 9,421 Health Sub Centers (HSCs) and Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) have been established throughout the State.

- 9,551 patients have been provided Cardiac Loading Dose Drugs.

National Urban Health Mission:

- Establishment of 708 Urban-Health and Wellness Centres (U-HWCs) were done at a total cost of Rs.177 crore. Out of 708 Urban Health and Wellness Centres, 500 have been functional. 12 Comprehensive health services have been availed by 1.35 crore beneficiaries. Infrastructure for the remaining 208 Urban Health and Wellness Centre's are nearing completion.

Cancer Screening

- Annual screenings at HWC-HSC level are done for three common cancers: Oral, Breast, and Cervical. Breast and cervical cancer screenings are offered once every three years to women aged 30 and above.

- Additionally, equipment and reagents worth Rs.3.32 crore have also been provided to 451 Health Sub-Centres to facilitate community-based screening program.

Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program-2023-2024

- ❖ 50 Dialysis Machines were installed at a total cost of Rs.3.25 crore.

Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program (TNHSRP), a World Bank Supported Project has been implemented as a Program for Results (P for R) mode which is a reimbursement model based on the achievement of pre - determined health outcomes. The total cost of the Project is Rs.2,854.74 crore.

- ❖ Procurement of Equipment for the Newly Built 1,000 bedded Kalaignar Memorial Multi Super Speciality Hospital in the premises of King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Guindy, Chennai at a cost of Rs.146.52 crore.

- Construction of Hostel building for PG Students of Government Madras Medical College at a cost of Rs.132.24 crore is in Progress.

- Construction of Ladies Hostel for PG and UG Students at Government Dental College Hostel Campus, Chennai at a cost of Rs.64.90 crore is in progress.

- Equipment for newly built center of Excellence for Cancer Disease, Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram at a cost of Rs.32 crore is in process.

- Establishment of Emergency Department at 25 Government Medical College Hospitals by providing exclusive HR (Recurring) at a cost of Rs.19.40 crore.

- Upgradation and Strengthening of 46 Trauma and Emergency care centers at a cost of Rs.16.30 crore.

- Laptops with accessories and internet charges has been provided to the 1,807 Sector Health Nurses (SHNs) of rural Public Health Centres at a cost of Rs.15.92 crore.

- Establishment of Advanced Master Health Check-up Unit in Government Medical College and Hospitals located at Salem, Thanjavur and Tirunelveli at a total cost of Rs.15 crore is in progress.

- Establishment of Pay Wards in 7 Medical College Hospitals and 8 Government District Headquarters Hospital at a total cost of Rs.12 crore is in progress.

- Establishment of Emergency Department in 11 New Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.9.26 crore is in process.

- Provision of high End Vision Saving Equipments for the Newly Built Bi Centenary Block at the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Chennai at a cost of Rs.8 crore is in progress.

- Strengthening of six Food Analysis Laboratories - to ensure accurate results of the tested samples and provision of safe and healthier food to all at a cost of Rs.7.58 crore is in progress.

- Upgradation of Government Hospital, Balarangapuram, Madurai District with Civil modification and additional ward arrangements and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at a cost of Rs.3.60 crore is in progress.

- Construction of additional floor for Ophthalmology Block at Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore is in progress

- To improve the quality of services in Medical College Hospitals, Quality Managers are being appointed in all Government Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.4.77 crore.

- Establishment of Trauma Registry in 27 Trauma care centers and 11 New Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.1.82 crore (Recurring-HR)

- Conducting Health Assemblies in 24 Districts and State Health Assembly at a cost of Rs.1.46 crore.

- Equipment for NABL Accreditation to Department of Biological Control, King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.45 crore is in Process.

- Construction of Staff Nurse Quarters in 12 Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.4.14 crore is in Process.
- Digital X-Ray to the Government District Head Quarters Hospital, Palani in Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.one crore is in process.
- Construction of Post Mortem Building at Government Hospital, Ulundurpet, Kallakurichi District at a cost of Rs.95 lakh is in progress.
- Cochlear Implant equipment to the Government Medical College Hospital, Sivagangai at a cost of Rs.95 lakh is in process.
- Provision of Operation Theatre equipment to Government Upgraded Primary Health Center at Valayankulam, Kiliyanur and Murukkeri, a total cost of Rs.71 lakh is in process.
- Arthroscopy equipment with radio frequency ablation with accessories and Spine Instruments to the Government Medical College Hospital, Virudhunagar at a total cost of Rs.70 lakh is in process.
- Laparoscopy and Bronchoscopy Equipment to the Government Medical College Hospital, Chengalpattu at a total cost of Rs.65 lakh is in Process.
- Provision of ENT instruments to Government Hospital, Uthukuli, Tirupur District at a cost of Rs.57 lakh is in process.
- Contingency fund has been provided towards the "Health Walk" in 38 Districts at a cost of Rs.57 lakh.
- Provision of Ophthalmic Operation Theater equipment to Government Hospital, Usilampatti and Karaikudi, at a total cost of Rs.50 lakh is in progress.
- Construction of Compound wall at Government Additional Primary Health Center, Paratharami, Vellore District at a cost of Rs.47 lakh is in progress.
- Implementation of Workplace based Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Screening at a cost of Rs.44 lakh is in progress.
- Strengthening of Rodenticide Poisoning Treatment ward by the provision of Cell Separator for Plasmapheresis at Thanjavur Medical College and Hospital at a cost of Rs.33 lakh.
- Construction of Compound wall in Government Hospital at Vikravandi, Villupuram District at a cost of Rs.30 lakh is in progress.
- Renovation of Post Mortem Building at Government Hospital, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.25 lakh is in progress.
- Renovation of Medical Officers and Staff Nurse Quarters at Government Hospital, Valparai, Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.24 lakh is in Progress.
- Establishment of Blood Storage Unit at Government Tiruvallur Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.15 lakh is in Progress
- Provision of Operation Theatre table and OT lamp to Government Hospital, Colachel, Kanyakumari District at a cost of Rs.9 lakh is in Progress.

- Establishment of Solar Water Heating System at Government Hospital-Boothapandi, Kanyakumari District at a cost of Rs.5 lakh is in Progress.
- Establishment of Day Care Chemotherapy Center in Tindivanam Government district Head Quarters Hospital in Villuppuram District at a cost of Rs.4 lakh is in progress.
- Trauma and Emergency care at Government Hospital Virudhachalam is strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Trauma and Emergency care at Government Hospital Chengam is strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Trauma and Emergency care at Government Hospital Palacode is strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Strengthening of Trauma and Emergency Care at Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai at a cost of Rs.4.71 crore.
- Trauma and Emergency care at GH-Pattukottai is Strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.98 lakh.
- Mobile Blood Collection Van is provided to The Nilgiris MCH at a cost of Rs.30 Lakh.
- Establishment of Snake Bite Management centre at Government Hospital - Kalakkadu at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.
- Construction of Staff Nurse Quarters at a cost of Rs.30 lakh at PHC, Rajadhani,Theni.
- Construction of Tower Block for Super speciality care at Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai at a cost of Rs.125 crore is in progress.

- Construction of Additional Floors (III-V) in the Centre of Excellance, Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer care Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram at a cost of Rs.100 crore is in progress.

- Construction of New Building for Master Health Check Up,Trauma Care Services, NCD, Dialysis and Blood Bank at a total cost of Rs.71.81 crore at Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai is in progress.

- Construction of Neuro Block at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs.65 crore is in progress.

- Trauma and Emergency care at Government Hospital Thirupathur, Sivagangai District is Strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.4.34 crore is in progress. Trauma and Emergency care at Government Hospital Saathur is strengthened with Civil Modifications and Equipments at a cost of Rs.4.34 crore is in progress. Construction of New Building for strengthening Trauma and Emergency Care at a cost of Rs.10 crore at Government Hospital –Thirumayam is in progress. Construction of New Building for strengthening Trauma and Emergency Care at a cost of Rs.8 crore at Government Hospital - Periyakulam is in progress. Construction of New Building for strengthening Trauma and Emergency Care at a cost of Rs.4 crore at Government Hospital -Uthamapalayam is in progress.

- Construction of New Building at a cost of Rs.10 crore at Government Hospital - Uthiramerur is in progress.

- Construction of New Building for strengthening Trauma and Emergency Care at a cost of Rs.5 crore at Government Hospital -Vandavasi is in progress

- Provision of CT Scan and C Arm at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore at Government Hospital -Harur is in process.

- Construction of CeMONC Building at a cost of Rs.11.74 crore at MCH-Sivagangai is in progress

- Establishment of Master Health Check Up at a cost of Rs.1.65 crore at Government Stanley MCH is in progress.

- Establishment of Cancer Care Centre at a cost of Rs.45 crore at Thanjavur MCH is in progress.

- Provision C Arm With Fracture Table at a cost of Rs.20 lakh at Government Hospital - Paramakudi is in progress.

- Construction of Post Mortem Block at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore at Government Hospital Yercaud .

- Construction of Broad Speciality Block at Government Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Trichy at a cost of Rs.110 crore is in progress.

- Construction of Building for School of Nursing with Hostel Facility at Government Salem Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.31.08 crore is in progress.

- Construction of Additional Floors in the PG Block of Government Siddha Medical College, Arumbakkam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.5.09 crore is in progress.

- Construction of New Building along with Equipments towards strengthening of Trauma and Emergency Care at

Government Hospital - Chengam at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore is in progress.

- Construction of New CeMONC Building at Government Hospital - Vijayapuram, Tiruvarur at a cost of Rs.6 crore is in progress.
- Infrastructure Strengthening and Equipments at a cost of Rs.2 crore at Government Kanniyakumari Medical College Hospital is in progress.
- Establishment of Steam Laundry at a cost of Rs.2.45 crore at Government Coimbatore Medical College Hospital is in Progress.
- To improve the Emergency Care Services, 138 - "108" Ambulances have been procured and added in the Fleet, at a cost of Rs.58.55 crore.
- Procurement of High End Equipments for the Government K.K.Nagar Rehabilitation Centre, Chennai at a cost of Rs.11.43 crore is in progress.
- Strengthening of Five Medical College Hospitals at a cost of Rs.14.46 crore towards NABH Accreditation by Gap Analysis. Till date, NABH Accreditation has been obtained for 3 MCH.
- Procurement of High - end Cancer Care Equipments at a cost of Rs.4 crore to Government Kanniyakumari MCH is in process.

Tamil Nadu Urban Healthcare Project

- Provision of modern buildings to the three tertiary care Hospitals, Provision of modern hi-tech medical equipment to the three tertiary care hospitals, strengthening of 11 Medical College Hospitals and 3 District Head Quarters Hospital with modern hi-tech equipment, Provision of modern buildings to the four secondary care hospitals, Provision of modern hi-tech medical equipment to the four secondary care hospitals, Provision of hospital management training, medical equipment handling training, infectious disease detection and prevention training to physicians, nurses and paramedics, strengthening the training centres of directorate of public health and preventive medicine in non communicable diseases and Covid-19, Laboratory Centre (10), have been done at a total cost of Rs.1,519.12 crore.

108 - Emergency Management Services

- 542 Covid-19 Ambulances were deployed, through which the 6.30 lakh beneficiaries have benefitted.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has declared an amount of Rs.15,000 as special allowance to the ambulance associates who acted as Corona Warriors, for their relentless contribution during the pandemic period.
- In order to effectively carry out the operations of Emergency Services the existing emergency ambulance fleet strength was increased in a phased manner from 1,303 to 1,353 with 355 additional new Ambulances forming a part of replacement of the existing Ambulance and deployment in new locations.
- 108 ambulance services were used to rescue 2,342 victims in the MICHAUNG Cyclone affected areas and 1,323 victims in the Southern District areas.

- 108 ambulance services were used for 16.03 lakh, Road Traffic Accident cases, Pregnancy related cases, 9.88 lakh and 34.36 lakh other cases. The total beneficiaries are 60.27 lakh.
- The beneficiaries benefitted through Neo Natal Services are 68,809. First Responder Bikes are 1.27 lakh and Hill and Terrain regions are 3.14 lakh.
- The beneficiaries benefitted under NK48 since inception are 3.59 lakh.

104- Health Help Line Service

- Covid-19 related calls of 6.75 lakh beneficiaries were served.
- 3.86 lakh beneficiaries have got benefitted through the initiative to prevent Suicidal attempts for NEET aspirants.
- TAEI beneficiaries are 1.19 lakh.
- Post Traumatic Stress Management Counselling was given to 1,524 Ukraine returned Indian students during war crisis.
- 27.71 lakh persons have been benefited from the date of inception till 31.05.2024.

102 - Drop Back Services (JSSK)

- 13 JSSK vehicles to have smooth and enhanced operations of the services provided.
- 7.49 lakh Postnatal mothers benefitted under this Project.
- At present 107 JSSK vehicles are being operated across 38 Districts of Tamil Nadu for effective Drop Back of Postnatal mothers.

155377 - Free Hearse Service – Mortuary Van

- 4.85 lakh dead bodies were transported through this service.
- 194 vehicles by free Hearse Service is being implemented in 38 Districts.

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

- Government of India's Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) has been integrated with CMCHIS. A total of 8.32 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under the scheme
- A total of 6,513 patients have benefited from High-end procedures treatment at a cost of Rs.698.20 crore.
- On the occasion of International Women's day a special medical camp for 1,056 Secretariat women staff members was conducted.
- In commemoration of former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's birth centenary celebration, 103 multi-speciality health camp organized by Health and Family Welfare Department. During this camp 1.89 lakh beneficiaries were benefitted. In Chennai alone 10,083 beneficiaries were benefitted.
- Special enrolment camps were conducted all over Tamil Nadu, in which 99,935 families were enrolled under CMCHIS.

Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kakkum 48

- The Scheme is executed through CMCHIS under Assurance Mode. 692 hospitals (455 private hospitals and 237 Government hospitals) have been empanelled under this

scheme. 2.52 lakh beneficiaries have availed treatment worth Rs.238.06 crore under Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme.

Achievements of TRANSTAN

- Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu created an Automated website cum app for patient registration and Organ allocation. The name of the app is "VIDIYAL" which means "Dawn" in Tamil Language. Tamil Nadu is the first State using a protocol based advanced technology for organ allocation.
- Government of Tamil Nadu sanctions up to Rs.22 lakh for organ transplantation to patients in Government and Private hospitals, which is the highest ever in India.
- During Covid pandemic, 1097 organs and tissues were utilised from 161 donors.
- With 467 donors, totally 2,789 organs and tissues have been utilised. The donated organs were Heart – 223, Lung – 292, Liver – 409, Kidney- 810.
- There are 13 (Bio Material Centre) Tissue Banks in Tamil Nadu.
- Donor Felicitation was done and TRANSTAN Annual Book 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 was released.
- An ordinance has been issued for conducting the funeral rites with State honors for the brain-dead organ donors in Tamil Nadu.
- At the national level, Tamil Nadu has received the National Award from the Union Government for six consecutive years and for the seventh time in 2022 for its excellent performance in Organ Donation and Transplantation.

Tamilnadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department

- 1.28 lakh Licenses are active.
- 5.60 lakh registration certificates are active.
- 20,834 awareness programs were conducted and 21.56 lakh participants have benefitted from it.

Legal action are being initiated as per the Act provisions

- Civil Cases: 10,132 civil cases were filed, of which 9,064 cases were decided and penalty imposed amounted to a total of Rs.9.01 crore.
- Criminal Cases:2,895 criminal cases were filed, of which 1,763 cases were decided and penalty imposed amounted to a total of Rs.4.71 crore.
- Compounding Offences for All Categories: 36,812 offenses were identified and penalty imposed amounted to a total of Rs.31.9 crore.

Action taken on Banned Food Products containing Tobacco/Nicotine

- The sale of food product containing tobacco and nicotine is banned in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Compounding offences imposed on Banned Food Products containing Tobacco/Nicotine

- 23,237 offences were identified and penalty imposed amounted to a total of Rs.29.33 crore.

Complaint Redressal

- Complaint redress mechanism through dedicated Whatsapp mobile number (9444042322) is in force in the State of Tamil Nadu. It is appreciated as a best practice by the FSSAI. 24,555 complaints have been redressed.

FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification)

- 5,371 training programmes were conducted and 12.32 lakh food safety supervisors were trained.

FoSCoRIS (Food Safety Compliance through Regular Inspection and Sampling)

- 2.35 lakh inspections were conducted.

Hygiene Rating

- As per FSSAI guidelines, 8,512 hotels and restaurants, meat shops or mithai shops were certified under "Hygiene Rating" scheme by conducting preauditing, training and post auditing process.

Clean Street Food Hub

- Clean Street Food Hub is one of the programme of Eat Right India activity in Eat Right Challenging. 102 clean street food hubs were certified.

Clean and Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Market

- 137 markets or cluster of permanent vending shops/stalls/carts/ kiosk selling fresh fruits and vegetables having adequate infrastructure and met the basic hygiene and safety requirements were certified.

Eat Right Campus

- The 'Eat Right Campus' initiative led by FSSAI aims to promote safe, healthy and sustainable food in campuses such as schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, workplaces, tea estates, etc.
- 1,180 Eat Right Campus have been set up.

RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil)

- 10,366.522 Kilolitres of repurpose used cooking oil from FBOs are being collected by private agencies those registered with FSSAI for bio diesel conversion and paying for Rs.25-45 per Litre to Food Business Operators in Tamil Nadu.

Save Food and Share Food

- Encouraging Volunteer Organizations to collect the excess food wasted during marriages and other functions and distribute to the needy. So far, 1.33 lakh events have been conducted.
- Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department was awarded the First place in 2021-2022 and Third Place in 2022-2023 of State Food Safety Index (SFSI) on the basis of rating of five parameters. The rating is done by the Food Safety and standards authority of India.
- Eat Right Challenge Competition was conducted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. In this Competition 150 districts were participated in all over India. 11 Districts of Tamil Nadu namely Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Chennai, Tirunelveli, Erode, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Tiruppur and Dindigul were selected for best performance.

Drugs Control Administration

- 2.23 lakh Inspections of Sales Concerns, 4,383 Inspections of Manufacturing Concerns, 7,899 Inspections of Hospitals and Medical Stores and 2,840 Inspections of Blood Centre / Blood Storage Centers, thus totally 2.38 lakh inspections were carried out.
- A world - class Drugs Test Laboratory at a cost of Rs.20 crore was inaugurated.
- The foundation stone was laid for construction of new building at Chennai under Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs.14.85 crore for the Directorate of Drugs Control and Zonal Offices-I, II, III and IV.

Director of Medical Education and Research

- The Government Peripheral Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai has been converted into a 300-bedded Covid Hospital at a cost of Rs.6.52 crore and is being used by the people.
- A modern Robotic Surgery Center has been constructed at a cost of Rs.34.60 crore at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital in Omandhurar Government Estate Complex, Chennai.
- Permission has been obtained from the National Medical Commission for admission of 150 medical students each in 7 new government medical colleges and 100 medical students each in 4 new government medical colleges and admissions are allowed for the MBBS seats. 11 new Government Medical Colleges have been inaugurated.

- The admission of medical students in Government Coimbatore Medical College has been increased from 150 seats to 200 seats.
- 243 post graduate seats (M.D./M.S.) in 45 specializations in 20 government medical colleges, and 43 post graduation seats (D.M/M.Ch) in 20 super specializations in 9 government medical colleges.
- DrNB super speciality courses have been started from the year 2021-2022 with 8 seats each in 4 departments at Tamil Nadu Government General Hospital located in Omandhurar Campus, Chennai.
- All Medical College Hospitals are equipped with digital display board for overall services information.
- Cancer screening tests are being implemented for all elderly inpatients in all medical college hospitals.
- 15 per cent all-India reservation for junior medical seats, 50 per cent for post-graduate seats and 27 per cent reservation for other backward classes from the financial year 2022-2023.
- M.Pharm seats in College of Pharmacy in 4 Government Medical Colleges increased from 45 to 85.
- 22 Government Medical College Hospitals have developed Center for Mentally Ill Helpless Recovery Services.
- Special counseling by mental health expert team in all Government Medical College Hospitals to prevent internet addiction in children.
- Development of day care centers for cognitive rehabilitation of elderly and mentally challenged persons in all Government Medical College Hospitals.
- All Government Medical College Hospitals are providing hearing screening services for newborn babies in postnatal wards.
- A Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center has been set up at Tambaram Government Chest Hospital.
- Stem Cell Research Center located at Government Stanley Medical College, Chennai has been developed into a life-sustaining medical and research department at a cost of Rs.2.44 crore.
- 10 dedicated beds for the treatment of bed sores due to spinal cord injuries and other diseases have been created and used by the people in all medical college hospitals.
- Kalaignar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital has been established in South Chennai, with equipments worth Rs.146 crore procured and made available for public use.
- At Kalaignar Centenary Super Speciality hospital an government order has been issued to set up an area with appropriate medical equipment for Master Health Check up at an estimate of Rs.6.83 crore.
- In Government Medical College Hospitals and Government Hospitals, 70 PSA Plant has been set up at a cost of Rs.18.56 crore.
- The Centre of Excellence exclusively for cancer diseases is being established in the Government Arignar Anna Memorial

Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram at a total cost of Rs.120 crore. Orders to upgrade the centre of excellence to 750 bedded by up scaling the (G+2) structure with the addition of 3 Floors. In this regard the Government has accorded administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.100 crore.

- Government Rehabilitation Hospital, Kalaignar Karunanidhi Nagar, Chennai has been given financial sanction at a cost of Rs.27.95 crore and the referral center has been constructed and is being used by the people.
- Rs.4.94 crore and Rs.60 crore have been sanctioned for procurement of medical equipment for medical gas pipeline system and building of neuro science block for Kalaignar Karunanidhi Nagar block respectively.
- In the Periyar Nagar Government Peripheral Hospital, a government order has been issued for the expansion of the infrastructure at a cost of Rs.71.81 crore and the construction work is in progress.
- Dedicated genetic laboratory for diagnosis of rare genetic diseases has been started at Children's Hospital, Egmore. For this, Rs.one crore has been allocated by the Union Government and currently Rs.87.30 lakh has been provided by the National Health Scheme (NHM).
- Modern Skill Centers have been created in 17 medical colleges and skill development training is provided to doctors and medical staff. The expenditure amount of Rs.50.16 crore is provided by the Union Government as a cent per cent subsidy.
- Funds have been allocated to set up CeMONC centre at Sivaganga Government Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.11.74 crore and construction work is underway.
- The Tamil Nadu Board of Examiners has granted admission to students in the past three academic years for 23,081 Medicine(MBBS) seats, 6,313 Dental (BDS) seats, 5,960 Medicine P.G (M.D/M.S) seats, 1,047 Dental P.G (M.D.S) seats and 7,946 Para Medical Degree seats.
- Manam Project is a major program of Tamil Nadu government to prevent youth suicide.
- A revolving fund of Rs.64.90 crore has been created and spent to facilitate the study of medicine and dentistry for 1,764 students who have been placed in the government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu.
- Rs.125 crore has been allocated for the construction of a new high-rise building (Tower Block) at Government Medical College, Kilpauk, Chennai.
- Rs.24 crore have been allocated for construction of new building for CeMONC at Government Medical College, Kilpauk, Chennai (G+2) along with two more buildings.
- A separate section called "Vitalsbay" has been created at the entrance gate of the outpatient departments of all Government Medical College Hospitals in Tamil Nadu. Important basic assessment medical tests

like height, weight, waist circumference, pulse, respiratory rate, blood pressure, anemia, blood sugar level and blood oxygen level (SPO2) are measured and given to the patients as an initial assessment card before seeing the doctor.

- Kalaignar Centenary International Medical Conference 2024 titled “Future of Medicine” was successfully conducted at Chennai Trade Center Nandambakkam, Chennai with the participation of 11,000 delegates, 210 distinguished speakers, 28 international speakers and 70 countries and 600 scientific researches. Abstracts of the theme “Future of Medicine” were reviewed.

- The name “Directorate of Medical Education” has been changed to “Directorate of Medical Education and Research”.

- A new Government Dental College Hospital building has been constructed in Pudukottai district at a cost of Rs.67.83 crore. Also, equipment worth Rs.5.04 crore has been provided and is being used by the people.

Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society

- 6.79 lakh Cataract surgeries were performed for cataract by 89 Government Eye Hospitals and 61 NGO Hospitals under National Programme for Control of Blindness.

- 21,818 eye balls were collected as eye donation by 20 banks and in our online eye donor registry over 10,000 eye donors have registered for eye donation.

- 6.26 lakh School Children were identified with refractive errors and provided free spectacles.

- Arrangements are made to provide 50,000 spectacles to correct near vision defect in old people.

- A state of the art regional Eye Care Centre was established at Raja Mirasudar Hospital, Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.16.5 crore.

- A Bi-centenary Block was constructed in Regional Institute of Ophthalmology at total cost of Rs.65.60 crore and strengthened with supplying High-end Equipment at a cost of Rs.8 crore.

- Mobile Ophthalmic Units were established at Thiruvallur, Salem, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Tiruvannamalai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Cuddalore Districts at a cost of Rs. 2.40 crore.

- Ophthalmic equipment was provided for Thiruvallur, Tenkasi, Tirupathur, Gudiyatham, Kancheepuram, Mayiladuthurai, Mannarkudi, Sirkazhi and Tiruthani District Head Quarters Hospitals and Arcot, Periyakulam, Srirangam, Mettur, Padmanabhapuram, Paramakudi, Pattukottai, Palacode, Attur, Rajapalyam, Gobichettipalayam, Sankarankoil, Kulithalai, Vandavasi and Cumbum, Sub District Hospitals and Tambaram and Sriperumbathur eye bank at a total cost of Rs. 7.25 crore.

- “TN RAAB DR Survey 2021-2022” is completed in our state to assess the district wise prevalence of blindness (0.33 per cent) and also the prevalence of Diabetic Retinopathy.

Tamil Nadu State Aids Control Society

Care, Support and Treatment (CST)

- Tamil Nadu has been awarded by National AIDS Control Organization as "Best Performance State" for Prevention, Care and Support Services in HIV/AIDS during 2022-2023.

Basic Service Division (ICTCs)

- The Prevalence of HIV among the antenatal mothers is 0.17 per cent in 2023 and maintained the same prevalence rate till date through the services of Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society.

Orphaned Vulnerable Children (OVC)

- During the year 2022-2023, TANSACS has disbursed financial assistance to the 6,786 HIV/AIDS affected Children amounting to Rs.2.17 crore. Whereas during this year 2023-2024, TANSACS have released financial assistance for 7,303 Children amounting to Rs.2.29 crore.

Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation

- TNMSC has procured Rs.3,888.52 crore Drugs worth and Rs.1,875.26 crore Equipments worth.
- TNMSC has procured Rs.494.89 crore Drugs worth and Rs.393.85 crore Equipments worth for COVID -19.
- Telecobalt Centres were established at 10 Government College Hospitals.
- Brachytherapy Centre was Established at TNGMSSH, Omandurar-Chennai.
- TNMSC procured 15 CT Scanners and 7 MRI Scanners.
- Construction of New Warehouses have been started at Tirupattur, Chengalpattu, Tenkasi, Kallakurichi and Mayiladuthurai.
- 52.50 lakh patients hae benefitted by CT Scanners.
- 4.96 lakh patients have benefitted by MRI Scanners.

- ❖ 5,239 patients have benefitted by Lithotripsy Machine.

Tamilnadu State Health Transport Department

Common Pool

- ❖ For proper transfer of used and surrendered 108 Ambulances to other needy programmes, in a transparent and systematic manner by following a Centralized Mechanism, the Government have permitted this Department to maintain a 'Common Pool of Health Department Vehicles'.

Grievance Redressal Programme

- ❖ A single window 24x7 Grievance Redressal Programme named HICORP (Health department vehicles Information and Complaint Redressal Programme) is being implemented by this Department for the benefit of vehicle owning officers and drivers in maintaining and operating the vehicles. The concerned stakeholders could get all their vehicle related issues resolved by contacting the programme's Helpline No. 94896 21111.
- ❖ 215 complaints have been received and resolved through HICORP.

Feedback Programme

- ❖ 7,518 Drivers were contacted through the Feedback programme.

Quick disposal of Condemned vehicles by e-auction

- ❖ This Department, without any delay, disposes all the condemned vehicles (including 108 Ambulance and Hearse Vehicles) of various Directorates of Health and Family Welfare Department through the e-auction conducted by MSTC Ltd.
- ❖ 855 condemned vehicles were disposed through e-auction.

Creation of new 7 'Mini Workshops'

- ❖ In order to improve the maintenance of vehicles and to officer services without any delay, Seven Mini Workshops were newly opened and the Workshops are now successfully functioning at the respective places.

Vehicle Audit

- ❖ A complete and comprehensive 'Vehicle Audit' of all the 3,161 vehicles attached to various Directorates of Health and Family Welfare department is presently being undertaken by the department.

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Commercial Taxes, Registration and Stamp Act, Weights and Measures, Debt Relief including legislation on Money lending, Chits and Registration of Companies

Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration

Thiru. P.Moorthy

Commercial Taxes Department

Revenue Performance

❖ In Commercial Taxes Department, during the year 2022-2023, gross revenue of Rs.1,33,540.70 crore (which includes GST compensation and IGST provisional and adhoc settlement) has been realized which is in excess of Rs.28,570.64 crore over the previous year (2021-2022) collection of Rs.1,04,970.06 crore, registering a growth of 27.22 percent. During the financial year 2023-2024, upto for month of January 2024, gross collection without compensation is Rs.1,01,234.95 crore.

Administrative Reforms

❖ During the year 2023-2024, the Department has been reorganized by forming seven new Territorial divisions and six new Intelligence divisions.

❖ During the year 2023-2024, 13 new Commercial Tax Districts in Commercial Taxes Department has been formed to ensure that each Revenue District has at least one co-terminus Commercial Taxes District.

- To increase the tax revenue of the State by strengthening the human resources at the cutting edge level, 1,000 posts of Assistants have been upgraded to 840 posts of Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and 160 posts of Commercial Tax Officers to focus on arrear collection, audit and inspection.

- To ensure tax compliance, the number of Roving Squads has been increased from 53 to 100 during the year 2021-2022. 100 new vehicles have been sanctioned to Roving Squad officers.

Tax Rate Reduction on Petrol

- The price of petrol has been reduced by Rs.3 per litre.

Samadhan Scheme

- For the benefit of the traders, a Samadhan Scheme has been introduced vide Tamil Nadu Act, 2023 for four months with effect from 16.10.2023 to 15.02.2024. Under this scheme, orders were passed waiving a total demand of Rs.142.56 crore in respect of 1,15,805 cases having arrears less than Rs.50,000.

- During the financial year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, a total amount of Rs.171 crore which includes tax, penalty and interest has been waived under various Legacy Acts, benefitting 2,233 dealers. The Samadhan Scheme has been further extended upto 31.03.2024.

Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board

- New facility has been provided for online enrolment of members in the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board.

- Due to Covid-19 pandemic situation, the life time membership application fee of Rs.500 has been waived for the period from 15.07.2021 to 31.03.2022. Using this facility, 40,994 traders have joined as members in the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board.

- Two new schemes i.e.. Marriage Assistance of Rs. 10,000 and Accident Compensation Scheme of Rs.25,000 have been introduced.

- Assistance to the family of the deceased members of Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board has been enhanced from Rs.One lakh to Rs.3 lakh.

- Fire Accident Assistance to the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board members whose business place has got affected by fire has been enhanced from Rs.5,000 to Rs.20,000.

Infrastructure - Buildings

- Rs.9.64 crore had been sanctioned for construction of Commercial taxes office buildings for the circle offices of Polur, Thuraiyur, Attur (Rural), Attur (Town), Sathyamangalam, Pudukkottai and Gobichettipalayam, which are functioning in private rented buildings and works have been completed.

- Rs.2.77 crore has been sanctioned for renovation of integrated Commercial Taxes office building at Madurai and the same has been completed. Also, an amount of Rs.9.08 crore has been sanctioned for renovation of Mylapore Taluk office building in which Commercial Taxes offices are functioning and the same is under progress.

Registration Department

Cancellation of a forged and fraudulent document

- To empower the District Registrar to order for cancellation of a forged and fraudulent document, either suo motu or upon complaints received, Section 77 A has been inserted in Registration Act, 1908. Through the implementation of the above Act, persons who have been affected by the fraudulent or forged registration on their properties can represent to the respective District Registrar for redressel of their grievance.

- **Enabling certain type of documents to be presented in online mode -** To enable instruments of Agreements relating to Deposit of Title Deeds and 18 other types of instruments to present in electronic form, amendments to Registration Act, 1908 had been published and this Act has come in to force with effect from 12.09.2022. Through the implementation of the said Act, the registering public can present above such documents through electronic mode and get it registered through the web portal without any need for coming to the offices to present it physically before the registering officers for registration.

- **Certified Copies of documents available online from 1865 -** For ease of the registrants in getting the certified copies of documents prior to computerization period i.e., right from the year when the department had been started on 1865 up to 05.07.2009 the Certified Copies of documents from 1865 made available online scheme has been launched.

- **Sending of EC details to mobile number of the registrants using Tiny URL -** In order to immediately get the EC details of the documents for immediate verification and corrections process online, sending of EC details of the document, after registration to the claimant's given mobile number has been launched.

- **Name calling token device -** Keeping in view of ease and betterment of service, installation of token with name calling device has been installed at Sub Registrar offices.

- **Functioning of Sub Registrar Offices on Saturdays -** To cater to the needs of the public, particularly office goers, the top 100 Sub-Registrar offices based on the number if registration, have been selected and have been instructed to function full day on all Saturdays to carry out all kinds of registrations.

- **Tatkal Token System -** Tatkal Token System has been introduced at 100 identified offices, by paying an additional amount of Rs.5,000 per token for registration of documents.

- **Priority to senior citizen during Registration -** For ease of registrations by senior citizens who crossed the age of 70 years without any wait at the office, this scheme has been introduced.

- **Online index correction and marriage correction -** Keeping in view the saving of time for the public, curtailing unnecessary personal visits to the Sub Registrar offices, facility has been created for online sending of necessary correction details in EC and marriage certificate.

- **Attach photo of property with Geo-Coordinates -** In order to eliminate fake document registration and prevent loss of revenue to the Government, it has been mandated by the Government to attach a photograph of the document property with its Geo-Coordinates at the time of registration for all types of documents.

- **Prohibition of Government land registrations -** To facilitate automatic prohibition of registration of Government lands, software has been moduled and implemented.

- **Automatic application facility for name change in TNEB, GCC Property tax and CMWSB -** Automatic application for name change in TANGEDCO, GCC property tax and CMWSB during the registration of document itself.

- **Verification of thumb impression/ iris of Executant and Claimant of the document with Aadhar details -** Consent based Aadhar identification project is implemented in all Sub Registrar offices.

- **Additional IP Camera to Record Room -** Installation of two cameras in the record room of the SROs has been implemented.

- **Unified Call Centre -** For providing details of registration services, clarifications through social media viz., WhatsApp, you tube videos, 15 videos are available on the portal **www.tnreginet.gov.in** for ease of know-how of the departmental services.

- **Grievance day on Mondays -** On all Mondays, Deputy Inspector General of Registration and District Registrars are conducting grievance day in their offices. The petitions or complaints received are processed immediately in order to solve the grievance of public as early as possible.

- **Revenue Generation -** Registration Department is the Second most contributor of revenue to the State exchequer. During this financial year 2023-2024, till 21.02.2024, the Department has earned revenue of Rs.16,092.95 crore by registering 29.41 lakh documents and in the current trend of revenue.

The revenue achieved during the previous financial year worth Rs.17,296.84 crore will be achieved and crossed by the end of this financial year.

- **Reduction of Registration Fees from 4 percent to 2 percent** in respect of documents involving transfer of ownership documents such as sale deed from 01.04.2023.

- **Rationalisation of Guideline Value -** To rectify the anomalies and to fix correct market value guidelines, a 'Guideline Value Rationalization Committee' has been constituted. This High Level Committee will function under the supervision of the Steering Committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration. The recommendations of High Level Committee will be placed before the Valuation Committee as well as sub-committee for approval and implementation as per the existing procedure.

- Implementation of composite value, for first sale of multi-storey apartments.

- **Recovery of Stamp Duty and Registration Fee Loss to Government, proportionately to the property purchased by the subsequent purchaser and allowing registration of further documents -** The Government has favoured a great relief to the subsequent innocent retail purchasers and allowed registration of their further documents on collection of proportionate loss only.

- **Block Chain Technology -** To provide fool proof non-editable scanned documents, block chain technology has been enabled with effect from 13.06.2023 for all the digitized documents registered from 01.05.2023, as the first phase. Since the digitized documents under this methodology have time stamp, the genuineness of the registered documents been ensured paving no way for editing and allied frauds.

- **Tamil Nadu Writers' Welfare Fund 2022 -** Various welfare schemes for the members of the document Writers and their families such as Pensionary benefit, Accidental Death Benefit, Permanent/Partial Disability Benefit,

Natural Death Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Funeral assistance and Welfare schemes like education benefit for members' children and Spectacles benefit for members are all being implemented.

- **Issuing of True Copies of Christian Marriage certificate extracts by Deputy Inspector General of Registration -** For the benefit of the Christian community, powers have been delegated to the Deputy Inspectors General of Registration of the ten zones to issue true copies of the marriage certificates.

- **New facility for Christian Marriage Registration -** A new flow to apply for solemnization and registration of the Christian marriages under Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 by Christian Priests, the Government licensed. Marriage Registrars through online was inaugurated and implemented.

- **Modern Facilities and Infrastructure** have been provided for Sub Registrar Offices at Kundrathur in Chennai (South) District and Gandhipuram in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.25 lakh each having heavy registration.

- **Creation of New Registration Zones -** A new zone with headquarters at Ramanathapuram has been carved out of Madurai Zone and it is functioning from 29.12.2022. A new zone with headquarters at Chengalpattu has been created by bifurcating Chennai zone and it is functioning.

- **Creation of New Registration Districts -** New Registration Districts were created in Tiruvallur, Tirupathur, Perambalur, Tiruvarur and Ranipet co-terminus with revenue districts and are functioning from 26.04.2022. Tambaram Registration District was created by bifurcating the Chennai (South) Registration District, Coimbatore Registration District was bifurcated into Coimbatore (North) and Coimbatore (South) registration Districts, and the newly created registration districts are functioning.

- **Creation of New Sub Registrar Offices** In Registration Department during the past three years, New Sub Registrar Offices of Joint-2 Sub Registrar Offices at Tirupathur Registration district, Samanatham Sub Registrar Office at Madurai (South) Registration district, Pothumbu Melur (East), Chettikulam and Kathakkinaru Sub Registrar Offices at Madurai (North) Registration district and Thillainagar and Kannakiliyanallur Sub Registrar Offices at Tiruchirappalli Registration district have been created.

- **Reorganization of Sub Registrar Offices' territorial jurisdiction -** The territorial jurisdiction of Sub Registrar Offices in Madurai (South) and Madurai (North) Registration Districts of Madurai Revenue District have been reorganized on the basis of Revenue Taluks and Panchayat Unions.

- **Merging of Hamlets with Revenue Villages -** Hamlets were merged with revenue villages, so that all hamlets of a revenue village come under one Sub Registrar Office. In continuation to this order, Madurai (North), Madurai (South), Krishnagiri, Tuticorin, Virudhunagar, Palayamkottai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Ramanathapuram, Nagapattinam, Karaikudi, Pudukottai and Ariyalur Registration Districts were reorganized.

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Transport, Nationalised Transport and Motor Vehicles Act

Hon'ble Minister for Transport
Thiru. S.S.Sivasankar

Transport Department

Vidiyal Payanam Scheme (Free bus Travel Facility for Women)

❖ The Vidiyal Payanam scheme is widely praised as a scheme that brings light to the lives of women.

❖ After the implementation of the Vidiyal Payanam scheme, women no longer need to rely on family members for their travel needs. Since they can travel from one place to another without any fare, their livelihood has improved. This scheme has enabled women to make independent decisions based on their family circumstances, leading to significant progress in society. This is the key feature of the scheme.

❖ Based on studies conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission in the Districts of Tiruppur (industrial), Madurai (commercial), and Nagapattinam (agricultural), it has been found that each woman traveler saves approximately Rs.888 per month on their expenses.

❖ As of 31.07.2024, women have undertaken 514.23 crore journeys (513.45 crore in plain Town buses and 0.78 crore in Ghat buses).

❖ In ordinary Town buses, free travel is provided for women, transgender individuals, those with disabilities of 40% or more, and their assistants.

- Ordinary fare buses for women are painted in light pink.
- To accommodate the number of women passengers, the number of ordinary fare plain Town buses has been increased. Currently, out of a total of 9,620 Town buses, 7,207 buses operate as ordinary fare plain Town buses on 5,983 routes daily, accounting for 75% of all Town buses.
- Out of the total 476 Ghat buses, 155 ordinary fare Ghat buses operate daily on 257 routes. This accounts for 32.56% of the total Ghat buses.
- The total number of services for the Vidiyal Payanam Scheme currently includes 7,362 buses operating daily on 6,240 routes, effectively covering all of Tamil Nadu.
- Approximately 55.34 lakh women travel daily (54.85 lakh in plain buses and 49,000 in Ghat buses), making up 65.45% of the total ordinary fare passengers.
- On average, 51,692 differently-abled individuals and their Escorts travel daily.
- Additionally, 3,350 transgender individuals travel by bus daily.

Introduction of new bus routes and resumed bus routes

- On 386 new routes, 719 buses are now operating, either on entirely new routes or through route extensions.
- On 493 routes, 609 stopped buses have been resumed to resume operations.

Metro Rail Station Link Bus

- The Metropolitan Transport Corporation has introduced 56 small bus services that connect 30 Metro Rail stations, allowing Metro Rail passengers to travel conveniently.

Operations of Special buses during festival periods

- Additional special buses are operated from Chennai to various cities during the festival season.
- Temporary bus stands will be established in Chennai and major cities during festival periods. with additional buses running from morning until midnight, departing from key locations within the city.
- Passenger information centres and 24-hour Grievance Redressal centres have been established at public places to provide bus and route details to passengers during festive periods.

Passenger Grievance Redressal Facility

- Introduction of the Integrated Toll Free Number (149) on 09.03.2023.
- Prior to their journey, the State Express Transport Corporation will send a feedback link to the mobile phones of passengers who have made bookings. Through this they can express their complaints and grievances regarding motels. Immediate action will be taken on the complaints received through this platform.
- To prevent students from travelling on the footboard, District-wise Whatsapp Groups have been established in collaboration with School Education Officers and Headmasters.
- A Grievance Whatsapp Group has been created with Public Relations Officers to promptly address passenger grievances.

Funds Allocated by the Tamil Nadu Government

- For the fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, the Government has released Rs.6,945.6260 crore to the State Transport Corporations as compensation for fare-free travel for women. Additionally, for the fiscal year 2024-2025, Rs. 3,050 crore has been allocated in the budget, with Rs. 1,034.4653 crore released by June 2024.
- To compensate for the increased diesel costs, the Tamil Nadu Government provided Rs.4,683.2453 crore to the State Transport Corporations for the fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. For the fiscal year 2024-2025, Rs.1,800 crore has been allocated in the budget, with Rs.499.0053 crore released by June 2024.
- To cover the cost of fare-free travel for students in schools and colleges, the Tamil Nadu Government provided Rs.4,156.0879 crore to the State Transport Corporations for the fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. For the fiscal year 2024-2025, Rs.1,521 crore has been allocated in the budget, with Rs.539.2044 crore released by June 2024.

New buses and refurbishment of old buses

- In the fiscal year 2022-2023, Rs.420 crore was allocated for the procurement of 1,000 new buses.

- In the fiscal year 2023-2024, Rs.446.60 crore was allocated for the procurement of 1,000 new buses.
- In the fiscal year 2024-25, Rs.1,535.89 crore was allocated for the procurement of 3,000 new buses.
- With funding from the German Development Bank (KfW), the procurement of 2,166 BS-VI diesel buses and 500 electric buses is underway.
- Sixteen buses procured under the SADP scheme are currently in public service.
- Out of a total of 7,682 buses, 1,287 new buses were introduced into service by 31.07.2024.
- In the fiscal year 2022-2023, Rs.130 crore was allocated for the refurbishment of 1,000 old buses.
- In the fiscal year 2023-2024, Rs.76.34 crore was allocated for the refurbishment of 500 old buses.
- Out of a total of 1,500 buses, 953 refurbished buses were introduced into service by 31.07.2024.
- Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, initiatives were taken to introduce low-carbon emission buses that use compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as alternatives to diesel, which offer higher mileage and 7% to 20% lower costs compared to diesel.
- In seven transport corporations, two buses each were retrofitted with CNG engines, totaling 14 buses. In the Metropolitan Transport Corporation and Viluppuram Transport Corporation, two buses each were retrofitted with LNG engines.
- So far, 4 LNG buses and 11 CNG buses have been introduced into service for public use.

New initiatives

- To ensure the safety of women traveling on Government buses, measures are being implemented to install surveillance cameras and emergency call buttons. Under this initiative, 2,500 metropolitan transport corporation buses operating on various routes in Chennai are included. Currently, the project has been launched in 63 locations, including 2,330 buses, depots, and bus stations. Plans

are underway to extend this initiative to all transport corporations.

- ❖ A priority scheme has been introduced for women self-help groups to run canteens
- ❖ Four seats have been exclusively reserved for women on SETC buses, to encourage solo travel for women.
- ❖ The initiative to book travel tickets through the Government Transport Corporations' website (https://www.tnstc.in) and the TNSTC app has been well-received by the public and is functioning effectively.
- ❖ On average, 17,000 travel tickets are booked daily through the OTRS system.
- ❖ The online reservation service for seats on Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses operating at distances of 200 km or more has been expanded on the OTRS website.
- ❖ To encourage advance ticket booking for travel on transport corporation buses during the week, a monthly lucky draw is held. Three lucky travelers win Rs.10,000 each, and the next 10 travelers receive Rs.2,000 each, with a total prize amount of Rs.50,000. This scheme promotes advance booking for long-distance travel.
- ❖ The Chennai Bus app has been introduced, covering both metropolitan transport corporation and state express transport corporation buses. Plans are underway to extend this to other transport corporations. Additionally, the IOS version of the Chennai Bus app has been launched for iPhone users.
- ❖ To assist passengers in identifying bus stop names in advance, GPS-based automatic announcement systems have been installed in 612 buses.
- ❖ CCTV surveillance cameras have been installed in 71.20% of corporate offices, regional offices, depots and other locations within the transport corporations.
- ❖ Bio-metric attendance systems have been implemented in 99.26% of the Head office and other locations across all transport corporations.

- A common website has been introduced to provide information on bus schedules, services, fares, and details about Government transport corporations for Tamil Nadu and neighboring states, allowing the public to access this information.
- With funding from the German Development Bank (KfW), efforts are underway to implement a National Public Transport Card System in Chennai.
- The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software contract has been issued, and further actions are underway.
- Passenger information system project is underway to provide real-time arrival and departure information for buses at 16 bus terminals in Madurai and Coimbatore through an online information system, funded with Rs. 3 crore from KfW Germany.
- With the support of the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA), a GPS-based vehicle tracking system is being implemented under the Chennai Intelligent Transport Management System. A system integrator has been selected to oversee vehicle tracking, depot management, and passenger information systems. The Metropolitan Transport Corporation has finalized eight bus stops for installing passenger information boards- Co-optics, Simson, Sterling Road, Periyar Road, Express Avenue, Egmore Station, Pallavan Road, and Broadway.
- Passengers eligible for fare concessions (such as persons with disabilities, cancer patients, and others) currently need to visit transport ticket counters to obtain their concession tickets (including 100% free, 75%, 50%, or no concession). To streamline this process, an online ticketing system for concessions has been introduced as a pilot project in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation through Government e-service centers.
- An electronic ticketing system using Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) has been introduced in collaboration with the Bank of Baroda for Metropolitan Transport Corporation and State Express Transport Corporation buses. This system will be expanded to include six other transport corporations.
- The Tamil Nadu Government has implemented a facility for pensioners and family pensioners of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations to submit their life certificates through the Tamil Nadu Government e-Service (e-Sevai) center.
- An Mobile Apps application has been introduced for Metropolitan Transport Corporation employees to access official circulars, various updates and to apply for leave through the administrative system.
- In Chennai, a feasibility study is underway to introduce high-quality buses equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, GPS, surveillance cameras, emergency buttons, and luxury seating to encourage private vehicle users to switch to public buses, aiming to reduce pollution and improve convenience.
- To ensure the safety of passengers, automatic doors are being installed on all buses operated by Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations that do not have doors. These doors will serve as safety barriers to prevent accidents such as passengers falling from the steps or colliding with external objects. The installation of automatic doors is being carried out to enhance passenger safety.
- To achieve the Tamil Nadu Government's goal of reducing accidents, Under run protection unitswill be installed on the lower sides of all Town buses. This measure aims to significantly reducing fatalities and severe injuries. The installation of under run

protection on all Town buses is being carried out to improve the safety of road users, including two-wheeler riders and pedestrians.

Special concession schemes

- Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations offer free travel for children under the age of 5.
- On non-festival days, a 10% discount is provided for passengers who book round-trip tickets in advance through the online ticketing system.
- For passengers booking more than five trips in a calendar month on Government express buses, a special discount of 50% is offered starting from the sixth trip within that month.
- Passengers booking tickets in advance can pay an additional Rs.40 to travel within 4 hours from the K.K.Nagar Kalaiyarasan Centenary Bus Terminal to other locations and from other parts of Chennai to K.K.Nagar on the Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses.
- Four seats are exclusively reserved for women on Government express buses, and this arrangement has been implemented.
- The "Travel As You Please Ticket," which allows for flexible travel as in Chennai, is being expanded to all city buses.

Special bus operation for tourists and pilgrims

Navagraha Special Bus

- A special bus service is now available for visiting Navagraha temples, starting from Thirunallar Shanibhagwan Temple at 6:00 AM and continuing until Thirunallar Shanibhagwan Darshan at 4:45 PM. The fare for this service is set at Rs.750 per person, which has been well received by the public. Special buses are now running daily to various Navagraha temples.

Summer special buses for tourist place

- Due to the high influx of tourists in Ooty during the summer season, the Government has announced that entry to Ooty will be permitted only with an e-pass to avoid traffic congestion. In response, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Coimbatorehas introduced additional special buses. This has resulted in a decrease in the use of approximately 12 light vehicles on the roads. With fewer vehicles and increased use of public transportation, traffic congestion in Ooty has reduced. Air quality, which had a rating of 91 last year, has improved to a rating of 67 this year. Throughout the summer season, daily special buses are operated from the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Coimbatorewith a fare of Rs.100 for adults and Rs.50 for children, ensuring safe travel for families to tourist destinations in Ooty.
- Similarly, daily special buses are operated from the Madurai division for sightseeing in Kodaikanal, with a fare of Rs.150 for adults and Rs.75 for children.
- For the 47th Erakadu Summer Festival and Flower Show, from May 22, 2024, to May 26, 2024, the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Salem will operate special buses daily from Salem to Erakadu with a fare of Rs.300, providing convenient and safe travel for tourists.

Generation of Non Fare Box revenue in Transport Corporations

- Parcel and courier services are now available for non-travellers on a monthly or daily rental basis in operating from Chennai, Trichy and Madurai.
- The National Informatics Centre is facilitating the e-auctioning of condemned buses and waste materials.

- Luggage boxes in SETC buses are now being rented out to the youth for a monthly fee of Rs.6,000. These boxes can be used to transport agricultural or industrial products between the departure and destination points of SETC buses.Generating electricity through solar power to reduce electricity costs.
- Solar power panels have already been installed at 7 locations in the buildings of State Transport Undertakings (STUs), and there are plans for further expansion.
- The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation has launched a factory outlet for selling Cheran Paint at Sidco (Kurichi) and the headquarters.
- To generate additional revenue for State Transport Corporations, efforts are underway to establish petrol and diesel retail outlets at 10 corporation-owned locations. The first phase involves launching retail outlets in Ramanathapuram and Athanoor. Allowing advertising inside and outside buses to generate revenue. Generating income by parking buses at roadside motels.
- Efforts are underway to set up diesel and petrol retail outlets for additional revenue for Government Transport Corporations, starting with the opening of retail sales of diesel and petrol in Ramanathapuram and Athanoor.
- To increase non-fare revenue on Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses, a computerized parcel and cargo service will be introduced. This service will include activities such as booking, storing, sending, receiving, delivering, tracking, and addressing complaints. Parcels and cargo will be collected at booking centers and transported to the destination by bus for delivery to customers.

Metropolitan Transport Corporation Depot Upgradation

- The Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board has prepared a detailed feasibility report for the modernization of 16 Bus depots/ Bus Stands in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation for business development. In the first phase, efforts are underway to upgrade the Vadapalani, Tiruvanmiyur and Vyasarpadi depots.

- Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) requested MTC for acceptance to Development of Multi Modal Facility Complex (MMFC) over the MTC Bus Terminus of Anna Nagar West, K.K.NagarVadapalani and Mandaveli Depot / Bus Terminus.

- DFR had been shared to CMRL by MTC for the Anna Nagar West, K.K.Nagar Vadapalani and Mandaveli Depot / Bus Terminus. The preparation of DPR is under progress by the CMRL for the above 4 sites.

- The avadi Bus depot and bus stand are being upgraded under the "Ungal Thoguthiyil Muthalamaichar" scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.10.76 crore.

- The padiyanallur bus depots and bus stand in Madhavaram assembly constituency, Tiruvallur District are to be takenup under the "Ungal Thogithiyil Muthalamaichar" scheme. It includes the construction of an office buildings, cement concecreate floor, and adequate facilities for passengers at an estimated cost of Rs.5.43 crore.

Other State Transport Corporations Depot Upgradation

- A new bus depot is being established in Kunnam, Perambalur District, with an estimated cost of Rs.3.55 crore, covering an area of 3 acres, under the Chief Minister's (UTM) scheme.

- Under the Special Area Development Fund, a new building for the Coonoor bus depot and a workers' rest house are being constructed at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore on 1.52 acres of land.

- Under the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department's capital grants, a new building for the Koodalur bus depot is being set up at a cost of Rs.5.42 crore on 1.57 acres of land.

- A work order has been issued for the construction of a new bus depot and bus stand in Kumuliy, estimated at Rs.5.50 crore. Now ground floor up to roof slab Brick work and roof slab concrete work completed. Further work is under progress.

- All Government-operated buses are being adorned with new images of Thiruvalluvar and Thirukkural along with their explanations.

- To improve the basic facilities for staff working at depots, the modernization of restrooms with new amenities is underway at 100 depots, with an investment of Rs.10 crore.

- To maintain cleanliness and enhance passenger service quality, automated bus cleaning machines, car washers and vacuum cleaners are being installed at 100 depots at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

- To increase technical productivity in bus maintenance, eight depots are being upgraded with advanced equipment and tools to improve efficiency, quality, and safety, while reducing the workload for technical staff.

Actions to fill vacancies

- In the first phase, a Government order (No. 25, dated 14.02.2023) was issued to fill vacant driver and conductor positions in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations. In this 122 drivers were to be appointed for Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) and 685 drivers along with conductors for the State Express Transport Corporation. A total of 684 drivers and conductors were appointed to the State Express Transport Corporation. Out of these, 636 individuals have completed their training at the Central Industrial Training Institute, Tiruchirappalli, and have been assigned to their designated depots.

- In the second phase, the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem, Coimbatore, Kumbakonam, Madurai, and Tirunelveli) has been directed by Government Order No.111, dated 21.07.2023, to appoint 812 drivers and conductors in a flexible staffing pattern to facilitate full operation of the buses. Measures are being taken to fill these vacancies accordingly.

Awards

- "The Union Government has awarded the Chennai App to Metropolitan Transport Corporation with the title of "City with Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)".
- This recognition is a testament to the excellent management of the SETC, which has implemented mechanisms such as Whatsapp and a dedicated website to address passenger issues. The popularity of this scheme among commuters has earned SETC an Award and Certificate of Appreciation from the Urban Infra Group Publication 2022. The Chief Executive Officer presented this honor at a function held in New Delhi on 07.11.2022.
- During the National Road Safety Festival in New Delhi on 18.04.2023, the Union Government recognized 42 drivers from State Road Transport Corporations for their accident-free driving in India. Among these awardees, 14 drivers from TNSTCs were hailed as "Heros on the Road," representing 33.33% of the total awards.
- Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) was honored with 17 awards by the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU) for national public bus transport performance. Among these, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited received 6 awards, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited received 5 awards, State Express Transport Corporation (Tamil Nadu) Limited received 3 awards, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Limited received 2 awards, and Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Viluppuram) Limited received 1 award. Overall, TNSTC secured 25% of the total awards given across India. Out of the 38 categories for first prizes, TNSTC won in 9 categories, and out of the 31 categories for second prizes, TNSTC won in 8 categories. This means that TNSTC received awards in 17 out of 69 categories, accounting for one-fourth of the total awards.

Employee Benefits

- In the 14th wage settlement, the basic pay of state transport corporation workers has been increased by 5% with the pay matrix fixed
- The family welfare fund for the families of workers who passed away while on duty has been raised from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.5 lakh.
- The collection batta for drivers and conductors of ordinary town buses has been doubled
- The additional duty wages of drivers and conductors in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations have been doubled to Rs.700 for drivers and Rs.690 for conductors
- To increase the number of buses in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations, wages have been increased to Rs.700 for retired drivers and Rs.690 for conductors

Retired Employee Benefits

Terminal benefits such as provident fund, gratuity, leave encashment, and pension commutation have been distributed as follows:

- In the initial phase on December 1, 2022, a sum of Rs.242.67 crore was disbursed to a total of 1,241 employees who either retired, voluntarily retired or deceased in the TNSTCs from May 2020 to March 2021.
- In the second phase on March 27, 2023, an amount of Rs.308.45 crore was disbursed to a total of 1,626 employees who retired, voluntarily retired, or deceased in the TNSTCs from April 2021 to March 2022.
- A total of 3,414 retired, voluntarily retired, or deceased employees in the TNSTCs from April 2022 to November 2022 received retirement benefits amounting to Rs.1,031.32 crore.
- An amount of Rs.32.84 crore was paid to 210 individuals who passed away between December 2022 and March 2023. To date, a cumulative sum of Rs.1,615.28 crore has been disbursed to 6,491 individuals.
- Air-conditioning facilities have been installed in the crew rest rooms of 315 depots operated by TNSTCs. Currently, a total of 82 individual crew rest rooms have been equipped with air-conditioning.
- A total of 506 legal heirs of employees who passed away while in service at TNSTCs have been appointed on compassionate grounds. This includes 83 drivers /DCC, 398 conductors, 1 administrative staff, and 14 technical staff
- Children of employees employed at the Depot level in TNSTCs are awarded prize money annually for their performance in the 10th and 12th school final examinations. The first three positions receive Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000, and Rs.500 respectively.
- Medical camps are being organized in collaboration with Government hospitals to provide medical check-ups for the workers employed in TNSTCs.
- The 14th Wage Agreement has been fully implemented, prioritizing the welfare of the workers
- Despite the challenging financial situation faced by the transport corporations, pay arrears of Rs.171.05 crore for the 14th wage settlement were disbursed
- A special incentive of Rs.17.15 crore has been granted to the workers of TNSTCs who worked tirelessly during the complete lockdown period of the Corona pandemic, demonstrating great concern for their welfare.

Former Chief Minister, Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Centenary Celebrations

- 29,911 individuals took part in 275 medical camps and 1,361 individuals participated in 19 blood donation camps organized by TNSTCs
- 2,02,257 drivers and conductors received stress relief training at 104 different locations
- Drivers who have maintained an accident-free record for the past 25 years (20 drivers) will be awarded a gold coin. Additionally, those who have driven buses without any accidents for 10 years (1,069 drivers) will receive a silver coin.

Transport Department

Revenue Collection

- Transport Department is one of the major source of revenue for the State Government. The revenue comprises fees, taxes, surcharges, green taxes, road safety taxes, compounding fees, penalties and service charges levied on vehicles for the period from 07.05.2021 to 31.01.2024 is Rs.19,723.94

Construction of own building

- Floor Announcement was made by the Hon'ble Minister of Transport for the finaincial year, 2021 -2022 for the construction own building for the following offices and are ready for inauguration.
- Regional Transport Office, Madurai (south), Madurai District (at a cost of Rs.378 lakh).
- Motor Vehicles Inspectors Office, Thiruthani, Thiruvallur District (at a cost of Rs.242 lakh).
- Besides, based on the announcements made previously, construction works completed and, the following offices are ready for inauguration as on date.
- Transport and Road safety Commissionerate, Guindy, Chennai District (at a cost of Rs.38.80 crore).
- Motor Vehicles Inspector Office, Karaikudi, Virudhunagar District (at a cost of Rs.197 lakh).
- Motor Vehicles Inspector Office, Mannarkudi, Thanjavur District (at a cost of Rs.242 lakh).
- Regional Transport Office, Namakkal (south), Namakkal District (at a cost of Rs.417 lakh).
- Motor Vehicles Inspector Office, Melur, Madurai District (at a cost of Rs.225 lakh).

Formation of new Motor Vehicles Inspector Offices

- Floor Announcement was made by the Hon'ble Minister of Transport for the financial year, 2023-2024 for the formation of new Motor Vehicles Inspector Offices are created as below.
- Motor Vehicles Inspector Office, Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District.
- Motor Vehicles Inspector Office, Alangulam, Tenkasi District.

Fixing of Cameras in School Buses

- During the year 2022-2023, the Hon'ble Minister of Transport, on the floor of the Assembly, has announced that every School bus is to be provided with camera in front and rear side with sensor, considering the safety of School Children.

Purchase of 145 numbers of New Light Motor Vehicles

- The Hon'ble Minister for Transport made an announcement for the financial year, 2023 -2024 on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the purchase of 145 numbers of New Light Motor Vehicles (Motor Car) at the cost of 625 lakh, in order to conduct Driving Test at all Regional Transport Offices / Unit Offices, for the applicants, those who are not having own LMV – Motor Car.
- All the 145 vehicles were purchased and delivered to all the Regional Transport Offices and Unit offices and is being implemented.

Good Samaritan Award

- A certificate of appreciation and cash prize of Rs.5,000/- are being given by the Union Government of India, to those (Good Samaritan) who save lives of road accident victims.
- The Hon'ble Minister for Transport has also made an Announcement on the floor of the Assembly for the financial year 2023-2024, to grant Rs.5,000/- additionally by the State Government from the Road Safety fund.

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Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments and CMDA

Hon’ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

Thiru. P.K.Sekar Babu

Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

- From 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 1,922 temples have been consecrated after completion of renovation.
- 19,495 works in 9,259 temples at an estimated cost of Rs.5,327.87 crore have been sanctioned. Out of which 8,157 works have been completed.
- In the financial year 2021-2022, the renovation fund for 1,250 temples has been increased to Rs.2 lakh each and Rs.25 crore has been given. In the year, 2022-2023 Rural and Adi Dravidar temple renovation financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh was given to 10 temples on 10.07.2023 and Rs.2 lakh each (additional Rs.25 crore) to remaining temples.
- Sanction has been given to carry out 175 works for temple tank renovation at an estimated cost of Rs.85.79 crore in 156 temples. In 2024-2025, the temple tank in the temples is to be renovated at an estimated cost of Rs.38.50 crore.
- Sanction has been given to construct new Temple tanks at an estimated cost of Rs.2.71 crore in 3 temples.

- New Rajagopurams have been built at an estimated cost of Rs.8 crore and consecrated in agrand manner in the 6 temples situated at Samayapuram, Thiruvennainallur, Tiruppalakadal, Tarapuram, Ariyalur, Chennai Kilipakkam. In 2022-2023, permission has been given to construct new Rajagopurams for 6 temples at a cost of Rs.28.78 crore.

- In 2023-2024, Rajagopurams will be constructed in 15 temples at an estimated cost of Rs.46.26 crore. In 2024-2025, Rajagopurams are to be constructed in 19 temples at an estimated cost of Rs.32 crore.

- Construction of 3 tier Rajagopuram in Arulmigu Varagunatha Swamy Temple, Pattukkottai Taluk, Thanjavur District, at the estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh as donor fund.

- Steps have been taken to renovate 113 temples and 47 temples are being renovated with Rs.100 crore Government funds and 66 temples are being renovated with Rs.57.89 crore through donor funds, temples and Common Good Fund. In 23 of these temples, the renovation works have been completed and the temple has been consecrated.

- Steps have been taken to renovate 84 temples and 73 temples are being renovated with Rs.100 crore Government Grant and 11 temples are being renovated with Rs. 43 crore donor funds and temple funds.

- Annadhanam scheme throughout the day is going on in 8 temples. This year this scheme is extended to three more temples on 22.01.2024.

- Prasad offering throughout the day to all the devotees in 15 temples was extended to 5 more temples.

- Annadhanam is being provided in 756 temples so far. Through this, 82,000 people are benefiting every day. In the year 2023-2024, the scheme has been extended in 7 more temples.

- Total acres retrieved from encroachment of building on temple lands is 6,747 acres

during the period 07.05.2021 to 31.01.2024, and these are worth Rs.6,447 crore.

❖ Modern rover instruments (DGPS) are being used to measure 1,59,507 acres of land from 08.09.2021 to 31.01.2024. Also 64,522 stones have been planted. 172 licensed land surveyors are engaged in land surveying.

❖ Appeals were filed before the District Revenue Officer against UDR errors and patta was obtained in name of the temples - 5,062.29 acres of land.

❖ Appeals were filed before the RDO to correct the errors in the computer chitta and patta was obtained in the name of Temples – 4,055.47 acres.

❖ Total of 73 marriage halls has been constructed from 2021-2024 at Rs.257.28 crore. 17 wedding halls are under construction at an estimated cost of Rs.85 crore in the financial year 2024-2025.

❖ The construction of 17 guest houses at an estimated cost of Rs.70.50 crore for devotees. 11 more Golden Hotels will be constructed in the financial year 2024-2025 at an estimated cost of Rs.109 crore.

Construction of staff quarters for priests and temple staffs

❖ From 2021-2023 total of 48 staff quarters at a cost of Rs.83.67 crore allotted for construction of temple staffs and priests quarters and office buildings.

❖ Construction of three new Pasumadams at a cost of Rs.18.90 crore, and the development of 127 Pasumadams in 123 temples at a cost of Rs.20.66 crore are being carried out. In the financial year 2024-2025, Pasumadams will be established in two temples at an estimated cost of Rs.1 crore.

❖ Under the Committees headed by retired Hon'ble Judges, the net gold belonging to 13 temples were melted down and converted into 422.107 kg of pure gold bars and invested in the bank at a value of Rs.257.22 crore, thereby earning an annual interest income of Rs.5.79 crore. Also, the multi-variable gold species belonging to 7 temples are being extracted and converted into gold bars.

❖ In the year 2021-2022, each of the 12,959 temples each received Rupees One lakh as an additional investment of Rs.130 crore Government subsidy in the name of temples. Rs.130 crore,worth Government subsidy in the name of 20 new temples and Rs.2 lakh at the rate of Rs.40 lakh have been invested.

❖ In the year 2022-2023, a Government grant of Rs.40 crore has been released for

2,000 temples at the rate of Rs.2 lakh per temple in a one-time puja scheme. In order to add 21 more temples to this scheme, out of the pre-maturity of one-time puja investment, Rs.2 lakh at the rate of Rs.42 lakh has been invested and the number of temples benefited under the scheme has been increased to 15,000. In the year 2023-2024, the scheme has been extended in 2,000 more temples. For this, a Government grant of Rs.30 crore and Rs.10 crore from the Common Good Fund have been released. Currently 17,000 temples are benefiting under this scheme.

❖ One priest per temple is registered under Incentives for temple priests where one time puja is held and monthly incentive of Rs.1,000 is being provided. 16,646 priests have benefited till July 2024.

❖ An annual expenditure of Rs.6 crore has been issued to pay the electricity bill the temples benefiting under this scheme. Accordingly, from 01.03.2024 to 28.02.2025 financial assistance of Rs.5,20,42,920 crore has been provided to 15,000 temples.

❖ Scholarships of Rs.10,000 each have been given to 400 students in the current year as a higher education scholarship for the son/ daughter of priests working in temples where one-time puja is held.

❖ The Government subsidy has been increased from Rs.6 crore to Rs.8 crore for the financial year 2023-2024 for the administrative

expenses of 490 temples in Kanniyakumari District.

- The Government subsidy for the administrative expenses of 225 temples in Pudukkottai District has been increased from Rs.3 crore to Rs.5 crore in the financial year 2023-2024.
- First time a Government subsidy of Rs.3 crore was given for the administrative expenses of 88 temples under the administration of Thanjavur Aranmanai Devasthanam in the financial year 2022-2023.
- A cable car facility is being operated at the Palani temple. The feasibility of constructing a cable car between Palani and Itumban Hill (Rs.34 crore), Anuvavi (Rs.16 crore), Tiruneermalai (Rs.10 crore) and Thirukkalukunram (Rs.20.50crore) has been studied and an estimate has been prepared based on the report received. The work of constructing an lift at the Arulmigu Swaminatha Swamy Temple, Kumbakonam, Swamimalai, at an estimated cost of Rs.3.55 crore is to be carried out.
- "Compassionate appointment" orders have been given to the legal heirs of 106 employees who expired while working in the temple.
- Pongal gratuity has been increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 to all the HR&CE employees working in the HR&CE temples.
- In the current year 13,059 number of permanent temple workers were given new uniforms at a cost of Rs.1.71 crore on Thai Pongal.
- 1,289 employees working temporarily on daily wages/consolidated basis for more than 5 years have been regularized in the temples.
- Thiruneeru and kumkum are being prepared using modern technology and are supplied to the needs of the other temples.
- In order to conduct marriages with marriage gifts for the economically backward couples, 500 couples got married under this scheme on 04.12.2022 at Arulmigu Marundheeswarar Temple. In the year 2023, 600 Couples got married on behalf of the temples along with four grams of Ponthali and silk dress worth Rs.50,000. in two phases at Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Karpagampal marriage hall. Totally, 1,100 couples got married after the Government too.
- So far, 140 marriages happened under the free marriage program for the differently-abled in temples. Also, from this year, 4 grams of gold has been given for Thali.
- Breakfast is being provided to 4,000 students studying in schools and colleges run by Palani Thirukoil.
- From the year 2022-2024, 500 devotees were picked up from Rameswaram, Arulmigu Ramanatha Swami Temple to Kashi, Arulmigu Vishwanatha Swami Temple as a spiritual journey at a cost of Rs.1.25 crore. In the year 2024, 1,000 devotees are being taken on a spiritual journey to Arupadaiveedu at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore. For Mukdinath Spiritual Journey 2022-2023, Rs.20,000 each is being given as travel expenses.
- The triple festival of Vallalar's 200th birthday, 156th year of Dharmasala and 152nd year of Jothi Dharsanam was celebrated for 52 weeks from October 2022. The first week program was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the Vallalar 200 symbol, special envelope and

special souvenir were released. Annadhanam was also given during the 52-week festival. A Government grant of Rs.3.25 crore has been provided for the expenses of the festival. Vallalar 200, a fifty-two week charity event was held on 05.10.2023 at Vallalar Sarvadesa Center is to be set up at an estimated cost of Rs.99.90 crore.

- A special Siddhar ceremony was held for Kamalamuni Siddhar in Tiruvarur, Arulmigu Thyagarajaswamy Temple, for Sundarananda Siddhar, in Madurai Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Madurai, and for Pambatti Siddhar, in Sankarankovil, Arulmigu Sankara narayanaswamy Temple.
- A 3-day Government festival is celebrated annually at Kundrathur, the birth place of Deiva Sekizhar.
- The festival for Thirugnana Sambandar on his birth Star, is celebrated annually at Arulmigu Vedagiriswarar Temple, Thirukakundram, Chengalpattu District.
- A 3-day Avvaiyar festival is celebrated annually at Vishwanatha Swamy temple in Nagapattinam District.
- 108 Thiruvilakku Pujas are being conducted in 17 Amman temples every month on full moon days.
- The Mahashivaratri festival was held last year on behalf of 5 Shiva Temples. This year, it will be held on behalf of 2 Shiva Temples.
- One lakh tree saplings are planted as Thala Viruksham in the temples.
- Banners are placed in all the temples stating that Archana will be done in Tamil Language. 60 per cent of the fee is being paid to the priests as a share to encourage the ordination in Tamil. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released books in praise of 'Annai Tamil'.
- Medical centers have been established in 15 temples for the last 2 years. 2 more centers will be established temples this year.
- Temple management has introduced the scheme without any fee from devotees for tonsuring in temples. At present, for tonsuring Rs.30 paid to the workers on behalf of the temple and Rs.5,000 as a monthly incentive is also given by the temple.

- 10 colleges including one polytechnic college, 16 training schools 25 schools are being run on behalf of temples and 7 schools are being run on behalf of Mutts. On 12.09.2023, Hon'ble Minister of the Department gave certificates to 94 Trained Priests including 3 Women Priests who joined Priest Training School in 2022-2023 and 4 Odhuvar Training School Candidates who have completed 3 years training.

- The monthly incentive given to students studying in training schools has been increased from Rs.1,500 to Rs.3,000 in the financial year 2021-2022. In the current year, the monthly incentive has been increased to Rs.4,000 for full-time training students and Rs.2,000 for part-time training students. Currently, 212 full-time students and 80 part-time students are studying in the training schools run by the temples in the academic year 2023-2024.

- 42 Othuvars have been given appointment orders. Among them 11 women Othuvars have been employed.

- 29 elephants are maintained in 27 temples. Construction of Manimandapams are conducted for the 10 elephants who have demised after serving for a long time in the temples. Orders are obtained to give without cost the cattles donated to the temples to Women's Self-Help Groups and Temple Priests/Priests.

- Non-Hereditary trustees have been appointed in 7,073 temples.

- An additional office building at the head office of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department was completed in one year at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- Website 2021 for details regarding services for temple devotees and integrated temple administration management plan has been updated and various separate packages (Modules) are in place regarding payment services, temple administration.

- 2,832 surveillance cameras installed in 48 senior temples are being monitored (24X7) with 52 computer screens from the Commissioner's office control room and appropriate action is being taken.

- Srilasree Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swami has been appointed as a member of

the advisory committee for the conservation. So far, field surveys were carried out in 297 temples. Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA – Tamil Virtual Academy) has been contacted to scan the literary prints that have been completed and steps have been taken to scan them through the ELCOT.

- There are various modules on temple management.

- 108 books reprinted and released on 19.01.2023 by Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Following this, 216 rare Books have been reprinted till now.

- Renovation of 77 village temples will be done at an estimated cost of Rs.119.67 in the financial year 2024-2025. For this purpose, Government grant of Rs.100/- crore will be given in this financial year also.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

- The provision for LPADS under the TNT&CP Act, 1971 in the year 2018 has been amended and the rules for LPADS have been approved by the Government.

- The Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus at Kilambakkam, Chengalpattu District has been constructed on 88.52 acres of land at a cost of Rs.393.74 crore and inaugurated for public use by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.12.2023.

- As per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Finance in the Legislative Assembly 2023-2024, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority is implementing the North Chennai Development Plan with the participation of various Departments. At present proposed development / projects from various Departments are being collected.

Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority

- The Government has approved the Operational Manual for Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) which was prepared under World Bank's Chennai City Partnership programme. This document will be a guiding document for Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) and other stakeholder agencies.

- The Preparation of the Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the Chennai Metropolitan Area (5904 sq.km) has been initiated by the Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA).

- For Chennai city, CUMTA has drafted a Parking management Policy and also to test Policy and Strategy on the ground a pilot will be taken up at Anna Nagar.

- Integrated Ticketing cum Journey Planner involving Southern Railways Sub Urban Rail System is a key initiative. This will allow real time Public Transport information dissemination to the Public and also allows take a single ticket for travelling in all the Public Transport Modes.

Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority

- 24,167 Real Estate Projects are registered with TNRERA and 2,335 Real Estate Agents have been granted registration.

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Information Technology and Digital Services

Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services

Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan

Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited

- IT Tower at ELCOSEZ Navalpattu. (Ground + 4 floors) Tiruchirappalli was completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.02.2024.
- UMAGINE CHENNAI, started as an annual Mega Tech event and its edition was successfully conducted from 23rd to 25th March 2023, at Chennai Trade Centre. The 2nd edition was held from 23rd to 24th February 2024 at Chennai Trade Centre.
- ELCOT has enhanced the greenery in the ELCOT IT Parks by planting 1,13,710 saplings during the financial year 2023-2024.
- ELCOT has allotted 579.55 acres of land at 8 ELCOSEZs on lease basis to 40 companies.
- Government formulated and released Tamil Nadu Telecom Infrastructure Policy 2022 to grant Right of Way permissions and Grievance redressal and monitoring of Telecom Infrastructure.
- ELCOT has implemented an online portal to grant Right of Way permissions to the Telecom Service Provider / Infrastructure Provider in a time-bound

and transparent manner to issue permissions pertaining to establishment of Optical Fibre Cable, Erection of Tower.

- ELCOT is selected as an Enrolment Agency by School Education Department's Samagra Shiksha to establish Aadhaar Enrolment Centre in 770 operators centres at all 414 Educational Blocks for providing Aadhaar related services to school students. At the initial stage, 120 Aadhaar service centres have been established in 120 Educational Blocks.
- ELCOT is one of the agencies empanelled by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to execute Aadhaar Enrolment activities. ELCOT have established 262 PECs across the State of Tamil Nadu for providing Aadhaar related services to the citizens.
- In TNSDC, upgradation of Internet Bandwidth from 1 Gbps to 4 Gbps at Perimeter level and 10 Gbps for internal core IT infrastructure network.
- Capacity upgradation of Storage Area Network (SAN) to 600 TB as usable capacity at TNSDC and 200 TB at TNDRC, Tiruchirappalli.
- Cloud Infrastructure has been expanded with computer and storage infrastructure with high availability and scalable features for hosting the applications of the Government Departments. Virtual Machines (VM) are provisioned for critical applications such as e-Office, TANGEDCO and TNPDS.
- Hosting of new applications of the Government Departments have been increased from 369 to 403.
- Around 240 Critical assets of Departments of Government of Tamil Nadu have been boarded with Cyber Security Architecture – TN (CSA-TN) SOC tools.
- Around 40 Training Programmes on Cyber Security Awareness have been conducted for State Government Officials.

Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)

National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment

- Tamil Nadu was ranked 18th in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2019.
- In the 2021 assessment, Tamil Nadu has improved the compliance rate of the quality of services provided by 85% and ranked 2nd place.

Data Purity Project Achievement

- Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) is designated as the nodal agency for undertaking Data Purity project. TNeGA analysed Co-operative Jewel Loan and Self Held Group Loan Data and saved thousands of crores in waiver schemes by arriving at eligible beneficiaries.
- BPL families without (Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme) CMCHIS cards are analyzed and data shared to Health Department to issue new CMCHIS cards.

Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT)

Objectives

- The Kalaignar Mahalir Urimai Thittam, has two key objectives. Firstly, it gives recognition to the efforts of women who work tirelessly throughout their lives for their families. Secondly, the entitlement of Rs.12,000/- per annum, is meant to improve the livelihood of women, enhance their standard of living and pave the way for them to live with self-respect in society.

Strategy

- Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT) is one of the flagship welfare schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The project involves ambitious and visionary objectives of zeroing in on the eligible beneficiaries predominantly based on the authentic data of the applicant in various Government datasets. It is noteworthy that out of the 2.24 crore PDS cardholders in the state of Tamil Nadu, applications were received from 1.63 crore individuals across the state, and no additional proof or documents were mandated from the applicants. Developed an algorithm for identifying the eligible beneficiaries. Further, the massive task of validation of Bank Accounts (Aadhaar seeding and Account Validation) was done consistently, which ultimately resulted in 99.13% successful payment to the beneficiaries.

Achievements

- During the month of April 2024 Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) has been disbursed to 1,15,21,750 women beneficiaries. A staggering sum of 9,015.38 crore has been disbursed to eligible beneficiaries so far.

Michaung Flood Relief – Support for identifying eligible beneficiaries

- In response to the devastating Michaung floods in Districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu, identifying eligible families for cash assistance provided for the Flood Relief by analysing the PDS database to Government assistance through meticulous analysis.

CM Dashboard

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Dashboards

- Empowering Leadership for Informed and Good Governance and Positive Impact on the People
- In a significant stride towards bolstering transparency and efficiency in governance the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Dashboards have emerged as a crucial resource for the leadership cadre, including Secretaries, Commissioners, Directors and Collectors. This state-of the -art platform facilitate data driven decision making, fosters collaboration and ensures seamless communication across various administrative tiers, ultimately leading to positive impacts on the lives of the people.

e-Sevai Achievements

- Tamil Nadu e- Governance Agency (TNeGA) is the State Nodal Agency for implementing all e-Governance initiatives in the state. The e-Sevai project is being implemented by TNeGA with the main objective of ensuring transparency & accountability in operations and to deliver citizen centric services of various Government departments in online mode through e-Sevai Centers located across the State.
- TNeGA was offering 132 Services via e-Sevai portal in May 2021, and TNEGA has added additionally 277 services (122 G2C and 150 B2C) between June 2021 and July 2024.

The e-Sevai Portal https://tnesevai.tn.gov.in provides 409 citizen centric services of various Departments.

- Further, In order to take e-sevai centers closer to doorsteps of the citizens by creating vibrancy through competition and to tap the potential of micro-entrepreneurs in the e-sevai ecosystem, the "e-Sevai For All" scheme was launched on April 2023 and a total of 26,311 e-Sevai ids have been issued under "e-Sevai For All" and 58% (i.e 83,28,139 transaction) transactions were carried out by EFA till July 2024 out of 1,71,55,008 transactions.

- To address the citizen issues, TNeGA has launched Call center with a Toll-Free number "18004256000". From April 2023 till July 2024 - "1,93,074 calls have been received and "90%" calls are addressed by call centre operators. Since 15th May 2024, E-Sevai - Call centre has been migrated from TNeGA premises to Mudhalvarin Mugavari Call centre, Kotturpuram and increased capacity from 10 agents to 20 agents. Call centre efficiency has improved after this by bringing down abandoned calls from an average of 37% (January to May 2024) to 6.79% in July 2024.

- Makkaludan Mudhalvar pilot camp was conducted on 22nd November 2023. The first phase of the Makkaludan Mudhalvar camp (Urban AREA) was held from December 2023, to January 2024, during which 30,223 transactions were made. The second phase of the Makkaludan Mudhalvar camp (RURAL AREA) began on July 11, 2024 and in progress.

- TNeGA has engaged a Third-Party Audit firm to conduct comprehensive inspections of EFA. Out of 26,311 centers 17,885 centres (45%) have been audited and analyzed throughout the state to ensure the quality and compliance standards of e-Sevai centers, demonstrating a proactive approach to governance and service delivery.

The e-Paarvai AI based Cataract Detection Platform (Individual Contribution)

- The e-Paarvai is an AI based healthcare application. The e-Paarvai which detects Cataract using the photo of the eye taken through Android Mobile application.

- The solution has been implemented across multiple Districts of the State in a joint initiative with Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society.

- The application has been awarded with NASSCOM Game Changers Award 2021 under Exemplary Category.

Pest and Disease Detection using AI Integrated to Uzhavan App

- Pest and Disease deduction application has been designed and built based on AI which integrated with Uzhavan app. The application has been awarded with NASSCOM Game Changers Award 2022 under Exemplary Category.

Chief Ministers' Public Relief Fund Portal

- Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund Portal is a website to collect donation to the Chief Minister's relief funds by public. The website shares the IT Exemption certificate upon payment. The portal was enabled to receive

various types of online payments. The Indian nationals, foreign national and NRI can contribute their donation to Chief Minister's public relief fund using this portal.

TNICDS – Analytics Portal

❖ An AI based Malnutrition and Data Analytics platform was developed for ICDS to detect Malnutrition among the children in the State. The Platform was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Nilgiris and through the platform data is collected across the state and found our 4.5 lakh children at the age group of 0-6 years fall either under Severely or Moderately malnourished.

Mobile App and Real Time Dashboard for Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

❖ This is a mobile application for managing and monitoring the Breakfast scheme for the Government school students.

Namma Grama Sabha App for Rural Development

❖ The Namma Grama Sabha app helps to monitor whether the Sabha takes place with the quorum. Data collected from the app would help the Department and Government and Government to analyst the pattern of participation, resolutions tabled and passed in each panchayat.

e-Office

❖ TNeGA has started rolling out e-Office application to all offices under the administrative control of the Government of Tamil Nadu. In Phase-I, e-Office was implemented in all Departments of the Secretariat and in Phase-II, e-Office was implemented in all District Collectorates (and their subordinate offices). In Phase-III, e-Office is being rolled out in the Directorates and Head of the Departments across all the Departments and till date 243 HODs have been configured.

❖ In total, 92,236 users, i.e., employees of the State Government have been configured in e-Office with individual name-based user login.

❖ And till date 40,00,960, e-Files have been created across the Offices of the State Government which demonstrates the efficiency of the application in the automation of File Management within the Government offices.

- This Electronic File Management System (e-file) helps create 'paperless' offices, that allows speedy disposal of files and improves governance. E-Office also enhances transparency by which files can be tracked and hence the accountability on every file-handling official is ascertained. Above all, e-Office assures data security and data integrity. Hence, e-Office is heading our state way towards effective governance and ultimately aiming to deliver better services to citizens.

e-Governance Projects

State wide Single Window Portal for Directorate of Town and Country Planning

- The state wide Single Window Web Portal for Online Planning permission (DDGCR) for DTCP simplifies the process for citizens to get planning approval from DTCP, CMDA and various Urban Local Bodies (GCC, CMA, DTP, RD & PR)
- The Self-Certification module enable instant sanctioning of building permissions for the plot sizes up to 2,500 sq. ft. with a maximum construction area of 3,500 sq. ft.

CMDA – Web Enabled Single Window System for Online PPA

- A Single Window System for online planning permission approval has been developed for scrutiny of plan building module, layout, reclassification etc. It will be integrated with the Tamil Nadu Single Window Portal

Integrated End-to-End IT solution for CMWSSB

- The application covers 23 modules like HRMS, payroll, Ledger, Budget, Loans, Contractor registration, Court cases, Complaint monitoring, Billing collection, Website, Mobile app, new water; sewer connection, Finance and Accounts, Purchase and Inventory and other integration modules.

IT Security Audit

- TNeGA is carrying out the Security Audit of the Government Websites / Mobile Applications engaging the CERT-IN empaneled vendors. Out of the 501 requests received for security audit, 203 audit has been completed and another 298 is in progress.

e-Mail

- e-Mail ids with the '@tn.gov.in' domain are being offered free of cost to all officials in various designations working in various Government units for the official communication and department specific email ids for key Government units. Around 1,20,000 mail ids have been created.

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited (TACTV)

- Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd., was established to provide high quality Cable TV service at an affordable cost to people. It was renamed as "Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.," in 2011. TACTV obtained DAS License from Information and Broadcasting Department on 17.04.2017. On 01.09.2017 TACTV started the Digital Cable TV Service and distribution of free Standard Definition Boxes.

Achievements-Three Years

- With the advent of NTO.2 Tariff Order, all private MSOs have increased their subscription

rate substantially w.e.f 01.02.2023. But TACTV continues to provide 82 pay channels and 147 Free to Air Channels at the same old rate of Rs.140/- plus GST with out any hike. TACTV's subscription rates are the lowest in the Country

- At present TACTV is providing 59 HD Channels + 301 SD Channels in both bouquet/ package and A-la-carte.

Tamil Nadu Cable TV Operators and Workers Welfare Board

- As per G.O.(Ms.) No.3, Information Technology and Digital Services (A1) Department, dated 13.01.2024, the Cable TV Workers Welfare Board was reconstituted and rechristened as "Tamil Nadu Cable TV Operators and Workers Welfare Board".

- The website of www.tnctvwb.in was launched on 07.03.2024 by Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services Department to enable the cable TV operators and workers to register as members and apply for the welfare schemes and to receive the welfare assistance directly into the bank accounts of the members. As on date, 1932 cable TV operators applied for registration.

Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA)

ACADEMICS

- Tamil Virtual Academy provides internet based Tamil education (Certificate course to Degree level) to Tamil diaspora through its 167 contact centres in 36 countries. From May 2021 onwards 57 new contact centres have been established.

Student Enrolment

- From an average student enrolment of 2,500 students per year, it has reached 18,642 students in the current year owing to special initiatives being taken up in the last three years.

Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam

- As per the Assembly announcement on teaching Tamil as a second or third language to the Tamil diaspora, Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam activities are being implemented by Tamil Virtual Academy with funding to the tune of Rupees one crore.

Tamil Learning Resources

- TVA's certificate course has been restructured into 5 levels – Akaram, Ikaram, Ukaram, Lakaram, Cikaram with a skill-based syllabus (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing). Inorder to facilitate multimodal learning for the students, Supplementary learning tools like Audio Books, Read Along Books, Animation Videos, Video Lessons, Flash Cards are being developed.

- The launching ceremony of Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam and Level 1 Semester 1 textbook, its translation (24 languages), transliteration (13 languages) and supplementary learning tools was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 24.09.2022. Subsequently, level 2-5 textbooks have also been completed.

Activities under Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam

Cultural Propagation

- Basic Silambam training videos, Presentation of Tevaram hymns in contemporary music along with visual content.

- ❖ Online Pannisai Payirchi classes.
- ❖ Calendar on Sangam Literature.

Diploma in Tamil Teaching Course

- ❖ Diploma in Tamil teaching course for teacher volunteers has been launched in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University.

Online classes

- ❖ Teachers have been empanelled for handling online Tamil classes. Online Tamil classes for students are currently being conducted.
- ❖ Tamil classes are being provided for students from all 51 Kendriya Vidyalaya schools in Chennai Region.

Spoken Tamil Course

- ❖ Spoken Tamil Course is being provided for those who have recently migrated to Tamil Nadu like Industrial workers, Central Government employees etc.

Financial Assistance

- ❖ Financial Assistance on teachers' salary, classroom rent are being provided for Tamil associations, Tamil schools operating in other countries and states.
- ❖ Efforts are being taken to send teachers to Fiji for handling Tamil classes.

Higher Education

- ❖ A book on Tamil Grammar called 'தமிழைப் பிழையின்றி எழுதுவோம்' has been developed.
- ❖ Revision of syllabus for Bachelor's Degree in Tamilology is under process.
- ❖ A new syllabus has been developed for Post Graduate Degree in Tamilology. Lesson writing is under progress.

Theera Kadhal Tirukkural

(தீராக் காதல் திருக்குறள்)

- ❖ In order to promote Thirukural concepts among the youth, Tamil Virtual Academy is undertaking various activities under 'Theera Kadhal Thirukural'.
- ❖ A painting competition titled 'Kuraloviyam' was conducted for school and college students as first activity. From this, 365 best paintings were selected and compiled into a Thirukkural daily table calendar book on 21.12.2022, a Thirukural dance drama titled 'Kural Inidu' was conducted for the benefit of school and college students.

Digital Library

- ❖ In the Digital Library, 64,134 books and periodicals have been uploaded with suitable metadata. Further, 2,025 photographs of 175 archaeological and historical sites have been uploaded.
- ❖ In this library, rare collections such as 'Madras Courier', 'Kudiarasu', 'Dravidanadu' have been uploaded.

Digitization of rare audio-videos, photographs and other historical documents.

- ❖ 800 hours of audio/visual contents have been digitized.
- ❖ 5,437 photographs, maps and other historical documents have been digitized.

Inclusive Tamil Digital Library

- ❖ 16,200 books in PDF format have been converted as searchable PDFs.

- In the first phase, 12.85 lakh pages have been converted into text using OCR out of 14 lakh image pages.
- Further, 20,916 pages out of 1,30,000 pages have been converted to doc/odt, epub, daisy, kindle files with the proofing and alt text.

'Kappalottiya Tamilan' V.O.Chidambaranar – 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration – digitization of his books & manuscripts

- So far, 127 books, manuscripts, photographs, documents and multimedia contents have been digitalized.
- A separate web page has been created on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of V.O. Chidambaranar which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 18.11.2022. (https://www.tamildigitallibrary.in/voc)

Web enabling of Ph.D. thesis abstract and synopsis

- Thesis abstract and synopsis copies have been received and certificates issued for 1,466 scholars and steps are being taken to create a website to execute these works.

Research and Development for Tamil Computing

- The Tamil Virtual Academy has developed and provided number of Tamil software for free public use. Following these efforts, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released two software named 'Keezhadi - Keyboard' and 'Tamizhi - Unicode converter' on 22.10.2021.

Keezhadi – Keyboard

- This keyboard comprises three types of keyboard layouts:
- Tamil99 keyboard
- Phonetic keyboard
- Old Typewriter keyboard

Thamizhi – Unicode converter

- This tool converts Vanavil – Avvaiyar fonts, TAB, TAM etc., into Unicode. It is applicable on doc, docx, xls, ppt. and pptx.

Hackathon on Tamil Computing

- TVA and Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore organized a hackathon competition for Tamil Computing on 19.12.2022, and for successful students Rupees one lakh prize money was given.

Tamil Text Editor

- This editor will help to compile Index and Concordances for Tamil literatures.

Inscription Reader

- This software will convert the 6th century to 10th century inscriptions available in Kancheepuram District in modern Tamil.

Chatbot for TVA's Lessons

- This chatbot will help students to learn TVA's lessons using simple question – answer format.

Tamil Learning App

- Through this app one can learn the tense markers of Tamil verbs with gaming.

Development of Tamil Software

- A fund of Rs.110.35 lakh has been given for the development of Tamil Computing software. Seven software based on artificial intelligence

have been identified for development and among them Syntactic Parser for Tamil and Hyphenation for Tamil have been developed. The remaining 5 software are currently being developed.

KaniTamil 24 – International Conference

- 25 years after the conduct of Tamil Net 99 conference chaired by Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar, KaniTamil 24 – International Tamil Computing Conference was conducted on 8-10, February 2024 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam.
- It brought together more than 50 scholars from 10 countries and 8 States of India to explore the place of Tamil language in emerging technologies especially in today's era of Artificial Intelligence. A total of 58 sessions were held in this three-day conference. An average of 1,800 students and enthusiasts participated and benefited each day. The conference discussed challenges in Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence and building the Large Language Models.
- Further, a hackathon was conducted to encourage students and companies those who are interested in Tamil Computing. Finally, prizes were awarded to three winners of the competition. More than one hundred research papers covering topics such as technology, Machine Learning, Machine translation etc. were received and analyzed by experts. The best 38 of the research papers were selected and published as 'Kanikovai', which was released in the conference. The best 3 papers among them were awarded prizes.
- A souvenir in the name of 'Kanithokai' has been released in the conference, tracing the 25 years journey of Tamil Computing and the way forward. An in-principle MoU was also signed with AI Singapore to develop a Large Language Model for Tamil. The conference was very useful for students, Tamil enthusiasts and Tamil language promotion. In an effort to develop artificial intelligence tools for Tamil, Tamil Nadu is the first State in India to host a conference for language technology, KaniTamil 24 – International Tamil computing Conference.

Funding for LangTech Start-Ups

- The KaniTamil 24 Conference witnessed wider participation of Tamil scholars, technology experts, and senior executives in IT and e-commerce companies from across the world, who deliberated and developed action plans on the role of Tamil in emerging technologies. In order to ensure that Tamil flourishes in the rapidly advancing technological landscape, an allocation of Rs.5 crore has been made to enable startups to develop Natural Language Processing and Large Language Models based on machine learning and artificial intelligence. Steps are being taken for identification of LangTech Start-Ups for providing funds.

Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation Limited (TANFINET)

Bharat Net Project

- Imple mentation of Bharat Net project in the state of Tamil Nadu has been expedited.
- As on July 2024, 10053 Gram Panchayats (80%) are connected over Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from nearest Block.

ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu (ICTACT)

Global Technology Forum

- ICTACT organizes Global Technology Forum every year along with Information Technology and Digital Services Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. The forum aims to promote research activities on Innovation and Technology. It features keynote sessions, tutorial sessions by global experts.
- 'Global Technology Forum – 2020' was hosted for 5 days in which 51 keynote speakers and 21 International speakers participated. 10 deep dive technical tutorials were conducted, 300+ technical research papers in emerging technologies were presented.

"Nalaiya Thiran" - Experiential Project based Learning - An Initiative of Information Technology and Digital Servives Department, Government of Tamil Nadu along with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, Anna University, ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu, NASSCOM, IBM

- "Nalaiya Thiran" is the first of its kind initiative which aims to expose 50,000 students from engineering colleges across Tamil Nadu to have an innovative experiential learning.
- It will provide students with hands-on experiences, enabling them to connect theory and knowledge to real-world situations.
- Learning will also be supplemented by mentoring support from various industry experts and assessment with a certification.
- This elective course will be offered to IT and Computer Science students in their 6th semester of graduation as they get ready for employment and the assessment is added to the University credit.
- This initiative will be funded through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and implemented by ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu along with Anna University, NASSCOM and IBM.

Youth Empowerment

- Organized "New India Learnathon 2023" activity for college students to inculcate the habit of self-learning and to make students learn foundations of trending technologies. 2,23,507 students participated and completed 2,78,670 online certifications through this initiative.
- Organized "Make-A-Thon" to promote innovation, foster creativity, and encourage collaboration among students with a passion for coding and technology. Participants will use their coding skills to address and solve pressing real-world issues in various domains such as healthcare, education, environment, and more. Totally 484 students were participated in Make-A-Thon.
- Organized "Youth Talk 2023" as a part of Youth Leadership Summit 2023 for the students of Tamil Nadu. This initiative is envisioned to develop and exhibit the public speaking skills of student community. Youth Talk is conducted in 7 regions which include Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Kanniyakumari, Madurai and Puducherry. Top 100 students were selected in Regional Pre–Finale and the winner of each region were invited to participate in Grand finale. On this occasion, 13,813 students participated in the contest.

Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT Hub)

Introduction

- Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT Hub), functioning under the Information Technology & Digital Services Department, is a Section Company funded by the Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu, and prominent Industries players, incorporated as iTNT Foundation under the Companies Act, 2013 on 24th June 2022.
- iTNT Hub is India's first Innovation Network by nurturing Deep & Emerging Tech, with the vision to make Tamil Nadu, one of the Top 10 Global Innovation Hubs by "Innovating In Tamil Nadu" and "Build The Future". The Hub aims to achieve this by capitalizing the Intellectual Property, knowledge and skill strengths of the State.

Objectives

- Supporting innovation-led startups in the emerging and deep tech space and creating value through incubation, acceleration and infrastructural and other support services, with a primary focus on acceleration in deep technology applications.
- Facilitating startups to assist the Government as a customer by application of deep tech to problems of public policy and governance.
- Providing high technology equipment like, Fablab, 3D Printing, various types of IR 4.0 devices to startups and innovators.
- Creating a Digital Market Access Portal to provide services and facilitate interaction between different stakeholders.
- Enabling corporate partnerships and support by providing defined roadmap and responsibilities.

Inauguration

- iTNT Hub was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15th May 2023. The Hub is India's First Innovation Hub with a focus on Deep Tech and Emerging Tech.
- It is functioning in the heart of Anna University Campus, the cradle of technology and innovation, at 3rd Floor, Sir CV Raman Science Block, Anna University Campus, Kotturpuram, Chennai-600 025.
- Sprawling on 30,000 sq.ft., the hub envisions creation of infrastructure for a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Al, to promote and support the startups and skilling of manpower in the emerging areas of Artificial Intelligence and its application in healthcare, smart cities, etc.
- The Hub also has space to establish a CoE for AVGC to promote innovators and skilling in the area of animation, visual effects, gaming and comics. A Fablab and Design Studio will provide industrial design & production services to hardware startups and other product-based startups.

Initiatives

- ITNT Hub focuses on incubating startups in sectors like Creative Tech, Climate Tech,

Space Tech, Robotics. Health Tech, High Value SaaS and emerging technologies like AI, ML, DL, NLP, Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality and IoT/Edge Computing.

- ITNT Hub has initiatives like Bootcamp, Incubation, Venture Studio. International Pavilion, and Acceleration, to support startups and promote startup founders and innovators.
- Initiatives like Corporate innovation, Innovation Platform and Emerging & Deep Tech Funds, Innovation Challenges with the aim to connect industry, academia and startups.

Achievements

May 2023 – April 2024		
1.	Researchers onboarded for Innovation Network	4,135
2.	Entrepreneurs Benefitted	615
3.	Startups Supported	87
4.	Startups Mentored	81
5.	MoUs with colleges for Industry – Academia collabaration	51
6.	Community Engagement	43
7.	DeepTech, Emerging Tech investors connected	40
8.	Products Launches	7
9.	EOIs with International Innovation Ecosystem	6

JIGSAW Platform

- JIGSAW (Joint Innovation Gateway for Synergistic Startup Academic Industry Investor Work) platform, where Innovation meets Opportunities, was launched by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development at Umagine every held on 24th February, 2024.
- JIGSAW fosters Industry Academia collaboration and advancement, encompassing academia, industries, deeptech startups, venture capitalists and students as stakeholders, by offering the following to the corporates and startups:
- Database of deeptech researchers from partner universities.
- Connect to investors in the emerging and deeptech space.
- Access to industry innovation challenges and global networks.
- Connects to Government funds and problem statements.
- As of April 2024, the JIGSAW portal has 4,135 Active Researchers, 41 Investors and 172 Startups & 11 Corporate engagements.

EoIs (Expression of Interest) with International Innovation Ecosystem

- ITNT Hub has signed Expression of Interest with 6 International Innovation Ecosystem including Government of Western Australia, Western Sydney University, UAE and Switzerland.

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Minorities Welfare, Non-Resident Tamils Welfare, Refugees & Evacuees and Waqf Board

Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare

Thiru. Gingee K.S.Masthan

Minorities Welfare Department

During 2021-2022

- From the year 2021-2022 onwards, special food are provided to the inmates of minority hostels during minority festivals (Buddha purnima, Mahavir Jayanti, Bakrid, Ramzan, Christmas).
- Orders were issued for the supply of 1,000 Motorized sewing machines to minority beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.61.60 lakh and sewing machines are distributed to beneficiaries.
- Minority welfare offices were established at a cost of Rs.175.05 lakh along with new posts in 5 minority concentrated Districts namely Chennai, Vellore, Viluppuram, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore.
- An announcement was made in the year 2021-2022, that additional Muslim and Christian Women Aid Societies would be formed on need basis. Accordingly, 3 Muslim Women Aid Societies in Theni, Krishnagiri and Viluppuram Districts and 3 Christian Women Aid Societies in Karur, Madurai and Theni Districts are formed.
- Bicycles were provided to 10,583 registered members of the Ulema and Employees Welfare Board at a cost of Rs.543.64 lakh.
- The grant given to Nuns/sisters for Jerusalem pilgrimage has been enhanced from Rs.37,000 to Rs.60,000 at a cost of Rs.11.50 lakh in the year 2021-2022.

- In the year 2021-2022, loans to the tune of Rs.36.18 crore has been disbursed to 6,034 Minority beneficiaries through the Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.
- Annual administrative grant of Rs.2.50 crore is sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. Orders were issued to enhance the annual administrative grant for Tamil Nadu Waqf Board based on the contribution amount collected by the board from the Waqf institutions from the year 2022-2023 onwards.
- A sum of Rs.64 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of own buildings to 4 waqf zonal offices in Poonamalle, Vellore, Ramanathapuram and Cuddalore. Construction of zonal office at Vellore, Cuddalore and Ramanathapuram are completed and remaining works are under progress.
- In order to safeguard the waqf properties in Tamil Nadu, GPS/GIS mapping of waqf Properties are being done by using drones.
- The annual grant sanctioned by the Government for renovation and repairs of Mosques, Dargahs and other Waqf institutions has been enhanced to Rs.6 crore in the year 2021-2022 and 77 waqf institutions benefitted. During the year 2022-2023 Rs.6 crore has been sanctioned for repair and renovation of 3 heritage mosques. In which a sum of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned to Nagoor dargah for repair and renovation. For the year 2023-2024 Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned to 134 waqf institutions under this scheme.
- Church Priests and Employees Welfare Board has been formed and detailed guidelines have been issued to register members and to avail various welfare assistances and a sum of Rs.75 lakh has been sanctioned for this board.
- Procedures for obtaining the employment certificate for registering under Church Priests and Employees welfare board has been modified.
- 2022 Financial assistance of Rs.4.55 crore has been provided to 1,649 Haji pilgrims.

In the year 2022-2023

- In order to encourage rural minority girl students to continue their studies, a new scheme to sanction incentives to rural minority girl students studying 3rd to 6th standard was introduced and 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 a sum of Rs.4.83 crore has been sanctioned as incentive to 76,723 minority girls.
- In the year 2022-2023, Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation has disbursed loans to the tune of Rs.55.28 crore to 8,785 beneficiaries.
- "Family Pension" is provided to family members of the deceased Ulema pensioner from the year 2022-2023.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) a Centrally Shared Scheme (60:40) which aims to improve socio-economic conditions of the Minorities in minorities concentrated areas by providing basic amenities, 62 projects in 10 Districts at an estimate cost of Rs.615.75 crore is taken up. So far 1st installment of Rs.307.03 crore is sanctioned.
- Orders have been issued for conferring of Minority status to Educational Institutions through this Department and so far minority status has been conferred to 44 minority educational institutions by this Department. A separate web portal https://minoritystatus.tn.gov.in has been developed to implement this scheme online. Orders were issued to provide permanent certificates of Religious Minority Status to educational institutions without specifying the period.
- "Minorities Rights Day" is celebrated at State level at a cost of Rs.2.50 lakh on 18th December every year. In the year 2022 "Minorities Rights Day" celebrated at Madurai.
- During the year 2022-2023, Rs.6 crore has been allotted for repair and renovation of four

heritage Churches and the first instalment amount Rs.3 crore has been sanctioned to 4 heritage churches. For the year 2023-2024, a sum of Rs.10 crore has been allocated for this scheme. In which s sum of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned for the renovation of St. George's Church, Madurai.

In the year 2023-2024

- 2,500 Motorized sewing machines are distributed to economically backward minorities people, at a cost of Rs.160 lakh.
- Scholarship of Rs.1,000 is sanctioned to the children of registered members of the Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board studying from 6th to 9th Standard.
- Natural Death Assistance and accidental death assistance for the registered member of the Ulemas and Employees Welfare Board has been enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs.30,000 and Rs.1,00,000 to Rs.1,25,000 respectively.
- Orders have been issued to open 2 New Minority College Boys hostels in Chennai and Coimbatore Districts at a cost of Rs.81.68 lakh and action is being taken.
- Orders issued for construction of Compound walls and Renovation of Kabarstan and Burial Grounds at a cost of Rupees one crore and works are under progress.
- Special repairs and maintenance works were carried out in 9 minority hostels at a cost of Rupees one crore.
- Two additional Muslim women aid societies were established in Coimbatore and Trichy at a cost of Rs.2 lakh.
- Speech competition was conducted by Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission for all college students at a cost of Rupees one crore.
- The amount for celebrating "Minority Rights Day" in all Districts has been enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.10,000 at a cost of Rs.3.04 lakh.
- In the year 2023-2024, A sum of Rs.1.25 crore has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Waqf Board for survey of waqf properties and for purchase of computers and accessories in 11 Zonal offices.
- In the year 2023-2024, loans to the tune of Rs.68.58 crore has been disbursed to 10,201 Minority beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.
- Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned for renovation and repair of 134 waqf institutions in 2023-2024.

- In the year 2022, financial assistance of Rs.455.58 lakh has been provided to 1,649 Haj pilgrims and for the year 2023, financial assistance of Rs.999.54 lakh has been provided to 3,987 Haj pilgrims. For haj 2024, haj subsidy to 5,728 pilgrims are being credited into their bank account.
- The guidelines for providing financial assistance to Christians from all sects of Tamil Nadu for undertaking pilgrimage to Jerusalem have been modified and Rs.233.50 lakh has been allotted for the implementation of this scheme.
- Order have been issued for the formation of graveyards for Christians and Kabarstan for Muslims in District head quarters where these facilities are not available and action will be taken by District administration for acquisition of land for this purpose and Kabarstan/Burial Grounds will be created by corporations and municipalities.
- Orders were issued to sanction scholarships to Muslim girl students studying in Government and Government-Aided schools from 1st Standard to 8th Standard through Tamil Nadu Waqf Board with State fund and action is being taken.

Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced various measures for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils under Rule 110 on the floor of the legislative assembly on 27.08.2021. Since the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assumed office on 06.05.2021, the welfare schemes were sustained and enhanced for 57,661 Sri Lankan Tamils living in 105 camps in Tamil Nadu as of 01.07.2024, and 32,920 Sri Lankan Tamils outside the camps as follows:

Cashdole

- The monthly cash dole has been enhanced for Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps. An amount of Rs.1,500 for the Head of the Family, Rs.1,000 for each additional member in the family (aged 12 years and above), and Rs.500 for Children (below 12 years). This will cost the Government an additional expenditure of Rs.21.29 crore per year.

Clothing

- Clothes were supplied to 57,600 persons for the year 2021-2022 at a total cost of Rs.4.52 crore, 58,396 persons for the year 2022-2023 at a total cost of Rs.6.34 crore, and 58,211 persons for the year 2023-2024, at a cost of Rs.5.43 crore to the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Camps.

Utensils

- Five types of eight Stainless Steel Utensils worth Rs.1,296/- were distributed to 18,849 families accommodated in the Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camps during the financial year 2021-2022 at a total cost of Rs.2,44,28,304/-, and utensils worth Rs.1,285/- to 19,498 families for the year 2023-2024 at a total cost of Rs.2,50,54,930/- through Steel Authority of India Ltd., Salem (SAIL).

Scholarship to Sri Lankan Tamil Students

- For the year 2021–2022, a total amount of Rs.2,70,82,059/- has been awarded to 1,504 students for educational scholarships, and for the year 2022–2023 a total amount of Rs.3,28,49,878/- awarded to 1,825 Arts and Science, Bachelor of Engineering, and Post Graduate students. For the year 2023–2024, a total amount of Rs.3,76,10,504/- to 1,945 Arts and Science, Bachelor of Engineering, and Post Graduate students, proposal has been sent to Government for requesting fund.
- G.O. No. 451, Public (RH 2(1)) Department, dated 27.06.2024 issued for 1,548 students, scholarships worth Rs.1,93,14,000/- A letter in this regard has been sent to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund for requesting fund.

Supply of Rice at free of Cost

- Rice is supplied free of cost. Oil, sugar and all essential items are being supplied to Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation Camps under the Public Distribution system, at a concessional rate.
- Provision of free cooking gas stove and gas cylinder at subsidized price
- As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, for the year 2021-2022, an amount of Rs.2.44 crore has been incurred to provide free gas connection to 6,481 Sri Lankan Tamil Families and an amount of Rs.1.31 crore has been given as subsidy to 16,305 families. During the year 2022-2023, an amount of Rs.3.36 crore has been disbursed to 16,801 families as gas subsidy (400*5 cylinders). In the last financial year 2023-2024 Rs.3.45 crore was given as subsidy to 17,229 families. LPG connection and stoves have been provided to 6,933 families as on 31.03.2024.

Construction of Houses and upgrading the Basic amenities

- 7,469 new houses will be constructed for the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the camps in phases. Accordingly, orders were issued for construction of 3,510 new houses in 35 camps in 19 Districts in 1st phase at a cost of Rs.176.02 crore. This construction work is being done by concerned District Rural Development Agencies of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Out 3,510 New houses 2,448 New houses have been inaugurated handed over to the beneficiaries and out of 1,062 remaining houses, 465 houses have been fully completed, 557 houses are 90% completed and 40 houses have been completed up to the roof level.
- Subsequently, the second phase, administrative approval for the cost of Rs.2,28,64,49,000/- and financial approval of Rs.2,22,59,78,500/- has been ordered in 31 camps in 18 Districts. Orders have been given to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats to build 3,959 new houses in 31 camps in 18 Districts and the construction of houses in 19 camps in 12 Districts has started and the work is in progress.
- The Sri Lankan Tamil camps at Adiyanuthu, Thotanuthu, and Gopalpatti, which are located on private lands in Dindigul District, were merged into one camp and set up on Government land at Thotanuthu Village. The new camp with 321 houses was constructed at a cost of Rs.17.17 crore and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 14.09.2022.
- To improve basic facilities like electricity, toilet facilities, and drinking water facilities in Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation camps, an

allocation of Rs.10 crore has been made in the first phase. The allocation was released, and subsequently, Rs.9,79,55,196/- has been distributed to 48 camps in 19 Districts, and work is in progress. At present, out of Rs.20 crore, Rs.19,77,45,037/- has been allocated to 27 Sri Lankan Tamil camps in 18 Districts for the development of other basic facilities, and the work is in progress.

❖ An ordinance has been issued appropriating Rs.5 crore as the Sri Lankan Tamils Livelihood Development Fund for the improvement of other basic facilities in the Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps. Orders have been issued, and in continuation, Rs.4,99,96,870/- has been allocated to 106 camps in 29 Districts in the financial year 2021-2022, and the work is in progress. Rs.5 crore has been approved in the Budget Estimates (B.E 2023-2024) as the Sri Lankan Tamils Livelihood Development Fund for the improvement of other basic facilities in the Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps for the current financial year 2023-2024, and Rs.4,99,91,914/- has been allocated to 90 camps in 28 Districts, and the work is in progress. Sri Lankan Tamils Livelihood Development Fund for the improvement of other basic facilities in the Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps Rs.5 crore has been sanctioned for the current financial year 2024-2025 and Rs.2,82,58,135/- has been allocated to 87 camps in 28 Districts and work is in under progress.

Construction of Work-shed for Women Self-Help Group

❖ An amount of Rs.3,00,00,000/- has been allocated to the District Collectors and the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Department to construct Work-shed in 10 camps in 10 Districts.

Self-Help Group

❖ Each Self-Help Group was sanctioned a revolving fund and a Social Capital Fund for conducting business. The existing 321 groups were sanctioned, and an additional amount of Rs.75,000/-, and Rs.1,25,000/- were sanctioned for the new 300 SHGs, totaling an amount of Rs.6,15,75,000/- sanctioned in the year 2021-2022.

❖ Funds have been released to 266 SHGs through TNWDC. A sum of Rs.6.16 crore has been sanctioned to TNWDC in this regard. A proposal has been sent to the Government to sanction Rs.1,25,000/- at a total cost of Rs.2,50,00,000/- to 200 newly formed Self-Help Groups.

Covid-19 relief of Rs.4,000/- to the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation camps

- Covid cash relief assistance of Rs.4,000 had been provided to 18,944 Sri Lankan Tamil families residing in the Rehabilitation Camps, at a cost of Rs.7.58 crore. In addition, a grocery kit with 14 items Worth Rs.465 had also been distributed to 18,944 Sri Lankan Tamil families residing in the Rehabilitation Camps at a cost of Rs.88.08 lakh. This fund has also been provided to Non-Camp Sri Lankan Tamil families who have registered.

Skill Development Training

- Skill Development training was given to 2,404 Sri Lankan Tamil youths in the camp to improve their livelihood and employment. Recognition of Prior Learning training was given to 89 persons and Computer training was given by Titan company for 16 persons.

Advisory Committee for Long term solutions

- An Advisory Committee was established to explore solutions and address the challenges encountered by the Sri Lankan Tamils both in and outside the camps. It also aims to explore the possibility of Citizenship, assist Sri Lankan Tamils in returning to Sri Lanka, and propose an action plan for the Government of Tamil Nadu. Three meetings were held in total, and a Sub-Committee was formed, conducting six meetings. The interim report of the Committee was submitted on 29.09.2023 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Based on the minutes of the meetings, a Legal Awareness Programme for Sri Lankan Tamils was initiated on 05.11.2023 at Gummidipoondi Camp and completed in Vellore, Ranipet, Madurai and Trichy, Karur and Dindigul. Additionally, 8 proposals based on the meeting minutes were sent to the Government, which are currently in process.

Supply of Relief Materials to Sri Lanka

- Due to the economic crisis and food shortage in Sri Lanka, the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent Rs.132 crore worth of 40,000 metric tonnes of rice, Rs.15 crore worth of 500 tonnes of Aavin milk powder, and Rs.27 crore worth of 101 tonnes of life-saving medicine to Sri Lanka to assist them.

Arrival of Economic Migrants from Sri Lanka

- Recently, in lieu of economic crisis in Sri Lanka, Tamils have fled the Country and reached the shores of Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. As on 02.12.2023, 292 persons

stayed at Mandapam Camp, Ramanathapuram District. They are provided with free accommodation, food and required basic amenities.

Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils

Formation of Welfare Board for Non-Resident Tamils

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced on 06.10.2021, that a "Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board" would be set up to protect the welfare of Tamils living abroad and in other states of India. Based on this announcement, a "Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board" has been established through a Government Order, comprising 15 members including the Chairman.
- ❖ From 14.11.2023, a 24x7 helpline for Non-Resident Tamils living abroad has been started.

Reaching your Roots

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that every year, 200 students who are second-generation families settled abroad will be selected for a heritage tour to Tamil Nadu to understand and renew their connection with the roots of Tamil culture.
- ❖ In the first phase of this program, 57 students from Australia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, and Canada were selected and taken on a heritage visit to major historical and culturally significant places of Tamil Nadu. They were also introduced to Tamil art and culture for 15 days from 27.12.2023 to 10.01.2024.

Enadhu Grammam

- ❖ Enadhu Grammam scheme was announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with a view to enable the Tamil Diaspora to reconnect with their home villages and contribute for its upliftment through their contribution. The program was launched with funding of Rs.60 lakh has been received from 3 beneficiaries for this project so far.

World Tamil Diaspora Day

- ❖ As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, January 12th of every year is celebrated as the "World Tamil Diaspora Day". This celebration aims to acknowledge the contributions of the Tamil Diaspora, integrate Tamils living abroad, and encourage them. It also aims to showcase Tamil heritage, art, literature, and culture to the next generation.
- ❖ During the year 2022, the celebration was organized with the theme "தமிழால் இணைவோம்", and for the year 2023, it was celebrated with the theme "உலகெங்கும் தமிழ்" under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- For the third year, "Ayalaga Thamilar Dhinam 2024" was held under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11.01.2024 and 12.01.2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre with the theme "**தமிழ் வெல்லும்**". In this event, more than 1,200 persons from 282 Tamil Associations from 58 countries and 11 States in India were participated in the program.
- For the first time, the "Kanian Poongundranar Award" was given to 13 Tamils settled in foreign countries who excelled in Science & Technology, Tamil literature, Medicine, Education, Social Development, Women, Business and Sports across eight categories.

Evacuation of Tamils students from Ukraine

- Due to the Russian-Ukrainian war, more than 2,000 students from Tamil Nadu who went to Ukraine for higher education were stranded there. 1,524 students have been brought back at the Government's expense.

Repatriation of Tamils from Cambodia, Thailand – Myanmar

- Information has come to the attention of the Tamil Nadu Government that many Indians, including Tamils, are being taken to IT jobs and forced to engage in illegal internet work in the border areas of Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar. If they refuse to do such work, they are severely beaten. In this regard, 83 Tamils have been rescued from Cambodia, Thailand, & Myanmar, and air tickets have been arranged to bring them home at the cost of the Tamil Nadu Government.

Recovery of mortal remains of Tamils who died in a helicopter crash in Uttarakhand

- Three people from Tamil Nadu who were on a pilgrimage to Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand died in a helicopter crash on 18.10.2022. The mortal remains of the deceased were brought to Chennai by air on 20.10.2022 and handed over to the relatives at the expense of the Tamil Nadu Government.

Israel - Palestine War

- Due to the war between Israel and Palestine, Tamils who went to Israel for further studies and employment are stranded. 126 Tamils were brought back to Tamil Nadu safely in co-ordination with Ministry of External Affairs.

Tamils Trapped in Amarnath Pilgrimage

- 17 persons from Tamil Nadu, who had gone on a pilgrimage to the Amarnath temple in Jammu & Kashmir state, were stranded there due to an avalanche near Amarnath on their

way back to Tamil Nadu, when the road to Srinagar was completely damaged. They were brought to Chennai Central Railway Station at the Tamil Nadu Government's expense by train on 15.07.2023 and sent to their native places.

Kuwait Fire Accident

- Seven persons from Tamil Nadu lost their lives in a terrible fire accident that broke out on 12.06.2024 in a building where workers were staying at Mangaf, Kuwait.
- The mortal remains of the seven Tamilians were brought to Kochi Airport on the morning of 14.06.2024 by a separate flight.
- Seven vehicles were arranged on behalf of the Government and the mortal remains were sent from Kochi airport to their native places.
- Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has ordered to provide Rs.5 lakh as financial assistance to each family of the seven deceased Tamils.

Pension Scheme

- In a press release dated: 12.02.2023 by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Government has given administrative sanction to provide amonthly pension of Rs.1000 to the family of a member of the Tamil Nadu Non – Resident Tamils Welfare Board who dies enexpectedly while working in foreign countries

Bangladesh Civil War

- As many as 220 Tamil students, who were stranded in neighbouring country Bangladesh due to reservation-related civil war, were rescued and air tickets arranged at Government expense and sent to their native places safely.

Rescue of Tamils

- 2,398 Tamils were rescued from foreign countries and other states in India at at Government expense, including 281 Tamils from sudan, 3 Indonesia, 1,524 Ukraine, 6 Iran 34 Kuwait 27 Oman, 83 Cambodia, Thailand and Myanmar, 7 Malaysia, 126 Israel, 12 Qatar, 220 Bangladesh, 17 Amarnath (India), 8 Manipur (India) and 50 Varanasi (India).
- As many as 767 mortal remains were brought from foreign countries and handed over to the families through the Tamil Nadu Government's free Hearse Van service.
- Furthermore, special cases regarding medical repatriation and relief for individuals who had died showing extra-ordinary bravery while rescuing others in a fire accident in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia were provided with Rs.10 lakh each from Chief Minister Relief Fund. Rescue of Baby Sandhya from Turkey.

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School Education

Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi

Illam Thedi Kalvi

- To address the deep regression in learning among the Government school students, the School Education Department of Government of Tamil Nadu launched "Illam Thedi Kalvi" scheme at a cost of Rs.590.27 crore. Under this scheme, 1.65 lakh volunteers to teach 24 lakh students outside of School and within their habitations.
- During the summer vacation, a "Reading Marathon" which is a special programme to promote the reading habit among children was conducted.
- "Kurumpada Kondattam" was conducted to showcase students' imagination, creativity, and critical thinking skills through captivating films.

Ennum Ezhuthum

- To improve basic Literacy and Numeracy among children studying in classes 1 to 5 and to ensure that every child attains the fundamental skills of reading, writing and arithmetic by 2025 the mission "Ennum Ezhuthum" has been implemented.
- Schools are provided with level based materials which include Teachers handbook and Students workbook for classes 1 to 5 with the provision of QR codes.
- 22.26 lakh students studying in classes 1 to 5 in 37,866 Government and Government aided schools have benefitted in the Ennum Ezhuthum scheme.

- In order to cultivate reading habit among students studying in classes 1 to 12 in Government Schools the programme 'Vaasippu Iyakkam' was launched in Panchayat Union Middle School in Ponnusangampatti, Thuraiyur Union, Tiruchirappalli District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- The pilot scheme 'Vaasippu Iyakkam' was conducted in 914 Government schools across 11 blocks in 11 districts and 66,618 students studying in classes 4 to 9 have benefited.
- 53 'Vaasippu Iyakkam' books were categorized and printed into four levels viz., Insert, Walk, Run and Fly and distributed to all Government schools. 70 such new publications has printed and being distributed in the second phase.
- Transport / Escort facilities are provided to primary to high school students in remote / dense forest / hill areas to go to school safely. 27,707 students in 1,692 habitations have benefited.
- 38 model schools in each districts were established at a cost of Rs.352.42 crore.
- 28 schools in 28 districts are upgraded as Schools of Excellence at a cost of Rs.100.82 crore.
- A Mobile Science Lab programme 'Vanavil Mandram' was implemented at a cost of Rs.19 crore to benefit 25 lakh students studying in the Government schools.
- To bring out the inherent talent of the students traditional culture classes on various art forms have been initiated in schools at a cost of Rs.5.35 crore.
- Kalai Thiruvizha competitions were conducted for students studying in Government schools from classes 6 to 12. 206 different forms of Kalai Thiruvizha competitions in various levels have been conducted. 68.25 lakh students had participated and 3,177 students selected in state level completions were celebrated with the Kalaiyarasan and Kalaiyarasi awards, certificates and prizes.
- 1,250 students who have completed class 11 in Government schools and excelled in academics, literature, science and quiz competitions have been selected and Summer Celebration Special Training Camp in the Nilgiris District has been conducted at a cost of Rs.72.18 lakh.
- To improve digital infrastructure facilities in all Government Middle, High and Higher Secondary schools, 8,209 Hi-Tech labs at a cost of Rs.519.73 crore are being established.
- 22,931 Smart Classrooms at a cost of Rs.455.32 crore are being set up in Government Primary Schools.
- The provision of high-end Internet connection through respective School Management Committee is being done in all Government Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools.
- In order to support teachers in adapting to evolving teaching methods, tablets to 79,723 teachers in Government Schools at a cost of Rs.101.48 crore has been given.
- School Management Committees (SMC) are functioning with 20 members in all schools. 7.40 lakh members of all schools have been given training on School Management Committee.
- In the School Management Committee meeting held on every month, the needs of the school are identified and the planning for the fulfillment of the same is carried out through the School Management Committee (SMC) app.
- Teaching learning materials in the form of student workbooks and teacher handbooks have been developed and provided for children with cognitive disabilities in Classes 1 to 5 to ensure their foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- A mobile application named "Nalam Naadi" has been developed for usage by the special educators to screen the children for disabilities.
- Guidelines have been issued to the safety and security of students and also to protect

themselves from any type of act of sexual indulgence / harassment while the online classes are conducted.

- The data of all the education officers, schools, teachers and students are being consolidated in the Educational Management Information System (EMIS), for the speedy transmission of information within the Department of School Education.
- To strengthen and to teach values, Story Corners have been established. Students from 160 schools have been benefited through this project at a cost of Rs.1.21 crore.
- Under the Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar Infrastructure Development Scheme, Rs.1,887.76 crore has been allotted and 3,374 Classrooms in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools and 227 classrooms in Government High and Higher Secondary schools were inaugurated. Further, Rs.667.50 crore has been allotted for repair and maintenance work.
- A pioneering Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme was implemented to provide morning breakfast to the students of Classes 1 to 5 in all Corporation, Municipality, Rural and Hill areas primary schools. This scheme extended to all the Government Aided Primary Schools in Rural areas in the year 2024-2025.
- General transfer, promotion and deployment counselling for teachers working in Government schools was conducted by online mode through EMIS.
- Temporary Teachers Appointment through SMC: 4,989 Secondary Grade Teacher posts, 5,154 B.T. Assistant posts and 3,876 P.G. Assistant posts totalling to 14,019 posts were filled on temporary basis through School Management Committees.
- 76 Middle School Headmasters have been promoted as Block Educational Officer through the promotion counselling.
- The administrative responsibilities and administrative skills development training for all Block Education Officers were conducted as a residential training.
- An annual leadership development training programme for Headmasters are being conducted.

- The administrative responsibilities and administrative skills development training to Middle School Headmasters are being conducted at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Four Primary Schools are upgraded as Middle Schools and 6 High Schools have been upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools.
- Under the 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme, Career Guidance programme has been conducted to guide students in Classes 9 to 12 on higher education and employment opportunities. 10 lakh students will benefit through this scheme every academic year.
- Award in the name of Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Award for Best Schools have been given to 76 best primary / middle / high and higher secondary school that exhibit multifaceted development in learning – teaching, teacher skill development, leadership and student development.
- 45 registers in schools have been digitised and manual practices phased out of schools.
- The Vocational group Syllabus for Classes 11 and 12 has been revamped and improved to enable NSQL certification for the students.
- The revised syllabus and textbooks for Vocational group were implemented for Classes XI and XII.
- The capacity building programme and certification for the vocational teachers handling the revamped subjects was done through TNSDC.
- Arignar Anna leadership award has been given to 100 Headmasters with a certificate of appreciation and shield at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- To encourage students to read beyond textbooks and to showcase their innate creative abilities, The magazines "Oonjal" for students in primary classes, "Thensittu" for students in secondary classes and the monthly magazine "Kanavu Asiriyar", have been published at a cost of Rs.7.15 crore.
- In order to mobilise community involvement for the overall development of Government Schools in the State, the Government has launched the "Namma School Namma Oor Palli".
- Special fees of Rs.200 which was being collected from students of Class 11 and Class 12 Computer Science group in Government Higher Secondary Schools has been waived off.
- The scheme of providing educational kits including textbooks and notebooks, school bags, etc., has been extended to students of classes 1 to 10 in private unaided schools and through this 47,661 students studying in private self finance Tamil Medium Schools were benefitted.
- Tamil Language Literary Aptitude Test was conducted for Class 11 students and a monthly stipend of Rs.1,500 for two years will be given to 1,500 students who got selected in this test.

- The Board Examinations for Classes 10 and 12 were conducted in May 2022 and considering the welfare of the students, results for both the examinations were released successfully on the same day within a time span of one month from the completion of the examinations for 17.50 lakh students through SMS / website.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Talent Search Examination is conducted for the students studying in class 11 in Government Schools. A total of 1,000 students were selected and they would be given a scholarship of Rs.1,000 per month for 10 months per academic year, upto undergraduate degree.
- Online facilities to enable the candidates to easily obtain the Duplicate mark certificates of the Class 10, Class 11 / Class 12 examinations, certified copy of marks and migration certificates have been launched.
- 1,000 Graduate Teachers working in Government Schools were provided with 6 days Archaeological training.
- A State Assessment Cell has been established at a cost of Rs.40 lakh to improve the quality of School Education.
- 6,029 Government schools are periodically practising the teacher generated quiz in the Assessment portal through HiTech lab.
- Emotional wellbeing and life skill trainings were provided to the students of classes 9 to 12 in all Government and Government Aided Schools. 2.5 lakh students and 1,100 teachers have benefited.
- 12,000 officials working in the School Education Department were given residential training in the areas of Skill Development, Leadership and Management with the help of Eminent Academicians and Experts of the Country.
- As many as 1.53 lakh Secondary grade and Graduate teachers have been trained in the Cluster Resource Centres.
- Kalvi TV transmits educational e-content on all subjects for Classes 1 to 12.
- 5 Hi-tech studios using modern technologies have been set up at the State Council of Educational Research and Training Campus.
- Computer Based Test (CBT) for filling up the vacancies of Post Graduate Teacher / Director of Physical Education Level-1/Computer Instructor Level-1 was conducted and 3,087 PG teachers were selected and appointed.
- The examinations for filling up the 97 posts of Block Educational Officer and 33 post of Block Educational Officer were conducted and appointed.

- The examination for Teacher Eligibility Test – Paper I was conducted through online mode and 21,543 candidates have passed in the examination.
- The examination for Teacher Eligibility Test – Paper II was conducted through online mode and 15,430 candidates have passed in the examination.
- In order to restructure, revamp and strengthen Teachers Recruitment Board, a Committee was constituted to suggest ways and means to improve the standards and functions of TRB. Based on the recommendations of the committee, the Teachers Recruitment Board has been restructured.
- In order to facilitate the candidates seeking jobs, a Dynamic Website exclusively for TRB has been established.
- Issuance of duplicate certificates of Teacher Eligibility Test Certificates online through e-service center has been implemented and till 8,883 certificates have been issued.
- The examination for the Recruitment of 2,310 Graduate teachers / Block resource center Educators has been conducted and the selection of qualified aspirants.
- A Grievance Redressal Cell headed by a Deputy Collector has been formed to take action on the petitions and to clear doubts submitted by the petitioners in person, the doubts requested by phone, the petitions received by post and e-mail regarding Teachers Recruitment Board's Notifications, Examinations, Certificate Verification, Recruitments and other related subjects. Also, a Call Center is functioning.
- Under the Thisaidhorum Dravidam scheme, 13 books, 5 Malayalam translation books, 2 Telugu translation books and 15 books have been published.
- Under the Muthamizharingar Mozhipeyarppu Thittam, comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South Indian Family of Languages - The Rev. R. Caldwell Published as a joint publication with International Institute of Tamil Studies (IITS). 44 books including 5 Books on Medicine, 2 Odia language books with Tamil translation have been published. 62 books have been published in the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair.
- Under the Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam, 50 books have been published. 74 books have been published in the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair.
- The collection of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar writings was published in four volumes viz., V.O.C Pannool Thirattu and Thirukkural Commentary.
- 10 volumes of Encyclopedia and 10 volumes of Children's Encyclopedia were released.
- In the series of nationalized books, 59 books have been published.
- On the Publication of Readers on Centenary Writer, the collections of Perasiriyar K.Anbazhagan, children writers A.Valliappa, T.Janagiraman, Ki.Rajanarayanan were released.
- Periyar thoughts in the first volume of 5 short books in Malayalam, Marathi, Telugu, Urdu, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, and a total of 10 translations were released at the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair in 2024.
- In the series of Nationalized Books and rare Books, 5 books were released and 14 books in the world literature simplified series of children's books were released at the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair.
- The book Vaikom Struggle written by Pazha. Athiyaman was translated into Malayalam and Kannada and published. Telugu and English translation is in progress and a 135 page anthology book was also released.
- Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar book sale center was inaugurated on 11.03.2023 at the ground

floor of Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.

❖ Karpom Ezhuthuvom Iyakkam (Padhna Likhna Abhiyan), was successfully implemented in all the districts of the state at a cost of Rs.7.19 crore, to provide Basic Literacy to adult illiterates. 3.19 lakh learners have benefited and attained basic literacy.

❖ A State Literacy Award consisting of an appreciation certificate, memento and medals were awarded to the selected 114 best Learners Literacy Centers in which the Karpom Ezhuthuvom Iyakkam activities were implemented with an innovative approach.

❖ A New Literacy Programme (Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam) to provide Basic Literacy to 4.80 lakh adult illiterates in the age group of 15 years and above at a cost of Rs.9.83 crore was implemented in all the districts of the state. A number of 5.28 lakh learners have been identified and enrolled in 24,000 Learner's Literacy Centers.

❖ Special Literacy Programme is implemented in the Aspirational districts viz., Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar at an estimated budget of Rs.6.23 crore. 1.68 lakh learners have been benefited.

❖ In Tamil Nadu, Special Literacy Programme for Prisoners is being implemented in 9 Prisons at a cost of Rs.25 lakh to impart basic literacy to 1,249 illiterate Prisoners.

❖ Appointment Orders on Compassionate Grounds to 27 legal heirs of the deceased employees who had served in the Public Libraries according to their educational qualification.

❖ Transfer Policy has been formulated for the employees of Directorate of Public Libraries and Local Library Authorities and transfers were given to the employees.

❖ The financial limit on library tax collection has been increased from 6.5 percent to 15 percent for the purchase of Newspapers and Periodicals for Public Libraries.

❖ Orders have been issued to provide benefits to employees who are paid from the library fund at the Anna Century Library and Local Libraries.

❖ Appointment orders have been issued to 31 Visually challlenged persons to the posts in Anna Centenary Library and District Central Libraries.

❖ 29,000 books (more than 40 lakh pages) and 2.54 lakh rare manuscript pages were digitized. The Public will be able to use this

digital library through the website https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org. Preparation of Meta data is in progress.

- The details of 7 lakh books have been standardized and uploaded in the union catalogue and made available for public access through the website https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org. 28 lakh books will soon be made available for public use.
- To provide e-library service to public libraries in rural areas, Wi-Fi internet facility is being provided in 500 libraries in the first phase.
- 152 Virtual Reality sets have been installed in 76 libraries in 38 Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.57.20 lakh.
- "TN Talk" has been initiated with an aim of conducting 25 such programs at a cost of Rs.37.50 lakh. Till date five programmes have been conducted.
- To ensure transparency in book procurement a new book procurement policy for purchase of books to Libraries has been published.
- A committee has been formed to review the purchase of Newspapers and Periodicals for Public Libraries. As per the report of the said committee, selected newspapers/periodicals are being procured and supplied to the District Libraries.
- A new scheme called Friends of Library is implemented with a total number of 12,500 volunteers in 2,500 Libraries at a cost of Rs.56.25 lakh for the benefit of 15 lakh readers wherever the library services are not available.
- To promote reading as a people's movement, book fairs, were conducted on the lines of the Chennai Book Fair in all districts of Tamil Nadu.
- Five literary festivals are conducted namely Chennai, Vaigai, Kaveri, Porunai and Siruvani at a cost of Rs.93.50 lakh and the sixth literary festival also conducted.
- Centenary Public Library of international standards, in the name of Former Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar has been established in Madurai at a cost of Rs.218.19 crore and is functioning with 3.62 lakh books.
- Anna Centenary Library has been renovated to enhance the quality and glory of the library at a cost of Rs.37.82 crore.
- 'Kavimani' award for children writers hasbeen instituted for student writers upto 18 years. Young writers have been identified and honoured with a medal and a certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of Rs.25,000.
- A hall of fame "Senthamizh Sirppigal Arangam" has been established in Anna Centenary Library at a cost of Rs.40 lakh. Photographs, manuscripts and works of 180 eminent personalities who have received awards like the Sahitya Akademi and Gnanapith awards, have been displayed in this arangam.
- Books, e-Books, e-Periodicals and e-Research Journals have been procured for the Anna Centenary Library at a cost of Rs.6.5 crore.
- In memory of Dr.S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library Sciences in India, a Library is established and inaugurated at his birth place at Sirkazhi in Mayiladuthurai District at a cost of Rs.1.32 crore.
- In appreciation of service of Senna Pulavar A.Karmeganar, a new library building in Abiramapuram, Ramanathapuram District had been constructed at a cost of Rs.40 lakh and was inaugurated.
- Connemara Public Library was strengthened at a cost of Rs.3.19 crore without compromising the heritage value of the building.
- In order to share our rich Tamil literary works globally, the Chennai International Book Fair is conducted from the year 2022-2023 onwards.
- In Chennai International Book Fair 2024, the event facilitated the exchange of 752 copyrights agreements focusing on Tamil literature, with publishers from 40 countries, neighbouring states and Tamil Nadu.

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Environment and Pollution Control and Ex-Servicemen

Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Climate Change

Thiru. Siva.V.Meyyanathan

Department of Environment and Climate Change

- Tamil Climate Change Mission launched under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.500 crore for adaptation and mitigation measures.
- Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with Eminent Experts, Secretaries to Government and Hon'ble Ministers has been constituted for first time in the country to provide policy directives for Climate Change adaptation and mitigation activities in the State.
- District Climate Change Mission Units have been constituted in 38 Districts with District Collector as the Chairperson and District Forest Officer as Climate Officer in order to integrate Climate Change adaptation and mitigation activities at the grass root level.
- To foster environmental stewardship among youth, 40 Green Fellows have been selected under Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme who are placed at all the Districts to mobilise environment related activities in coordination with District administration.

- District Level Stakeholder's workshop on Climate Change has been completed in 37 Districts for prioritizing climate change adaptation and mitigation planning at the Districts level to devise a climate action plan.
- Capacity building Workshop on Climate Change for Hon'ble Members of Legislative Assembly has been conducted on 09.10.2023.
- Baseline studies on Reducing Emissions from Mass transport, Rehabilitation of Coastal habitats through eco-friendly solutions, Waste to Energy, Carbon Enrichment Programme, Sustainable Habitat, Climate literacy and Climate Smart Villages have been conducted and out of which reports on six studies were submitted to the Government.
- The Bio-mined soil from the Perungudi dump yard has been utilised in enhancing the soil carbon at the Madhurapakkam Reserve Forests for increasing the green cover, where around 6,000 native tree saplings have been planted.
- Capacity building workshops on Sustainable Habitat: Energy Saving measures in buildings for Builders and Residential Welfare Associations have been conducted in three municipal Corporations viz., Coimbatore, Salem and Tiruchirappalli.
- First International Summit on Climate Change and launch of Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu were held on 8th and 9th December 2022.
- The Government is taking significant steps to develop beaches in Tamil Nadu to international standards. In the first phase, Blue Flag certification has been obtained for Kovalam in Chengalpattu District. Following this, major

beaches across the State including Marina in Chennai, Ariyaman in Ramanathapuram, Kayalpattinam in Thoothukudi, Kodavilai in Tirunelveli, Kameswaram in Nagapattinam, Kattumavadi in Pudukottai, Silver beach in Cuddalore and Marakkanam in Viluppuram will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs.250 crore to obtain blue flag certification.

- Climate literacy through street plays at public places (Koyembedu Bus terminal, Pondy bazar and Anna Nagar tower park), cycle rally (Adayar) and workshops in colleges (Loyola and Presidency Colleges) were conducted to instil climate consciousness among the public.
- To educate the students on climate change impacts and to create awareness on environment, Climate Literacy Modules and Fun & Learn Sessions are being developed to be implemented in schools.
- Baseline assessments are being carried out in 11 villages to transform them as Climate Smart Villages.
- Creation of nature based bio shields in the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu through mangrove plantation for a stretch of 110 Kilometres is under progress.
- The preparation of Detailed Project Report for incorporating Climate Resilient and Sustainable Measures in Annai Velankanni Church, Nagapattinam and Meenakshi Amman temple, Madurai are being carried out.
- Carbon Neutral workshops were conducted in The Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Rajapalayam and formulation of Carbon Neutral Action Plan have been initiated to attain carbon neutrality.

Programmes to be implemented

- ❖ In order to help cities to better understand their specific challenges, to provide them insights into effective policies and best practices and to support and encourage their actions against climate change, the Government of Tamil Nadu intends to rank cities based on Green Index for assessing the environmental performance of cities in Tamil Nadu. To encourage the cities have been given Green Ambassador Award to improve through positive competition and cooperation to implement the scheme at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

- ❖ With Climate Change becoming a reality, young children need to be prepared for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The behavioural change to mitigate and adapt to the changing climate should begin with the younger generation. Hence, under the green vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Government issued orders to implement the "Green School Scheme" in 25 Schools at a cost of Rs.5 crore, during 2022-2023. The Government have decided to extend this scheme to 50 Schools during 2023-2024. Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister (E&CC) on the floor of the Assembly, the Government have sanctioned Rs.9.20 crore for 46 schools at Rs.20 lakhs per School to implement scheme.

Achievements of TNPCB

- ❖ Government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the Government of the United Kingdom has developed India's 1st Green benchmarking by the Government for industries to make them future-ready with green compliance.

- ❖ Taking the Meendum Manjappai Campaign to grassroots with the concept of back to basics. The campaign has revived the Eco-friendly tradition of Tamil Nadu the yellow bag. Around 1,77,000 awareness campaigns were conducted with school students etc.,

- ❖ The vending machine developed by Tamil Nadu for Manjappai has reached all Districts and other States too.

- ❖ Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations are being established at 14 locations in the State by TNPCB.

- ❖ Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations are being established at 25 locations in the State by TNPCB.

- ❖ Open House Sessions being conducted 5th of every month in the Corporate office and District offices of TNPCB for efficiency and transparency.

- ❖ Around 800 eco-alternative manufacturers identified in Tamil Nadu to promote eco-alternatives to Single-Use Plastic within the State and a Directory created is displayed on the TNPCB website.

- ❖ Installation of 129 Manjappai Vending machines by TNPCB at strategic locations like markets, malls, and public building premises in the State and 78,000 cloth bags dispensed through Manjappai Vending machines under Meendum Manjappai campaign.

- ❖ Meendum Manjappai app was launched to provide the users with details of

manufacturers of eco-alternatives to Single Use Plastics (SUPs) along with the locations of Manjappai Vending Machines and also details of the implementation of ban on SUPs in Tamil Nadu. A provision is also made in the App to file a complaint by uploading photographs along with geo-coordinates.

- Meendum Manjappai website launched provides all the information, updates, news and events related to details of the implementation of the ban on SUPs in Tamil Nadu.

- Manjappai Awards to 3 best schools, 3 best colleges and 3 best commercial establishments which effectively implemented the ban on SUPs and promoted the Meendum Manjappai Campaign in their campus.

- To strengthen the Meendum Manjappai campaign and to make Manjappai available to general public, TNPCB has installed 5 Manjappai vending machines and 2 Reverse Vending Machines in Hon'ble Madras High Court, Chennai and 5 Manjappai vending machines and 1 Reverse Vending Machines in Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

- Solar powered coastal litter monitoring Kiosk with a Manajapai Vending machine, a Reverse Vending Machine and video displays have been installed at Besant Nagar Beach, Chennai which provides information about banned SUPs and their eco-friendly alternatives and sensitizes the public about the Meendum Manjappai campaign.

- A State-level coastal clean-up and awareness event at Neelankarai Beach on the occasion of International Coastal Clean-up Day was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Pollution Control on September 17, 2022.

- Tamil Nadu Fishnet Initiatives (TNFI), a unique and novel initiative is initiated by TNPCB to prevent marine pollution due to fishnets and conserve marine biodiversity by establishing collection centers for abandoned or discarded fishnets, recovering them for recycling and implementing circular economy solutions.

- To Mainstream Rag Pickers in Circular Economy, a pilot project is initiated in Zone 13 & 14 of Greater Chennai Corporation to

increase waste collection, promote the circular economy and revive the lives of Garbage Collectors.

- Online Waste Exchange Bureau is a web based application to bring together all the stakeholders of different categories of waste to promote circular economy.
- Development of 1,000 Kurunkadugal with indigenous tree species by industries in Tamil Nadu.
- Soil quality Mapping across industrial areas of Tamil Nadu.
- Setting up of Research and Development Center- a green building.
- Carbon-Neutral Koyambedu Market Complex by creating renewable energy sources, green spaces, use of sustainable materials, ways to reduce carbon footprints, implementing of single-use plastic ban and ensuring environmental responsibility in the entire functioning of the market complex.
- 100 Green Champion Awards presented by TNPCB to Organizations / Education Institutions / Schools / Colleges / Residential Welfare Associations / Individuals / Local bodies / Industries that have made exemplary contributions towards environmental conservation and protection from the year 2021.
- Recognising the importance of Women's role in tackling Climate Change, the Government will launch the 'Climate Warriors', a Climate literacy programme led by Women Self Help Groups in the State. In the first phase, 500 SHGs will lead this green campaign to spread awareness on Environment and Climate Change. The SHGs will be provided with electric autos at free of cost. The scheme will be implemented at a total cost of Rs.26.25 crore.

Ex-Servicemen Welfare

- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents of Tirunelveli District, new Ex-Service Centre cum District Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Office has been constructed in Tirunelveli, at Palayamkottai at a cost of Rs.70.75 lakh. The building was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 31.07.2021 through Video Conferencing.
- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents of Madurai District, new Ex-Service Centre cum District Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Office has been constructed near Madurai Railway junction at a cost of Rs.86.35 lakh. The building was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 31.07.2021 through Video Conferencing.
- For the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents of Tiruvannamalai District, new Jawans Bhavan was constructed on the road from Tiruvannamalai to Vellore at a cost of Rs.3.03 crore. The building was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.07.2022 at Tiruvannamalai.
- An Ex-gratia was paid to the next of Kin of seventeen (17) Soldiers killed in War like operations during the period from 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024. A sun of Rs.3.60 crore was paid from Kargil Relief fund.

- No.15139118Y Hav K.Palani was killed on 16.06.2020 at Indo-China border at Ladak. The Government of India bestowed the Gallantry Award of VIR CHARKA (Posthumously) to the Soldier. For receiving this award, a monetary Grant of Rs.10 lakh was paid to the Next of Kin of the deceased Solider by the Hon'ble Chief Minister ot Tamil Nadu on 15.12.2021.

- During the period of 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024 677 Ex-Servicemen in Group - "C" posts and 413 Ex-Servicemen in Group –"D" posts were given employment in Tamil Nadu Government Departments.

- During the period of 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, 95 dependents of Soldiers, who were killed in War/War like operations / internal security operations / died in harness were given appointments on Compassionate Grounds in Tamil Nadu Government Departments.

- During the period of 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, various Welfare Assistances schemes such as Monthly Grant, Medical Grants and Educational Scholarship etc., to Ex-Servicemen and their dependents amounting to Rs.135.57 crore, has been spent from the welfare funds. Through this, about 55,648 Ex-Servicemen and their dependents have benefitted.

- During the period of 07.05.2021 to 31.07.2024, on granting of Annual Maintenance Grant of Rs.25,000/- to the next of kin of Defence personnel killed and disabled in war / war like operations, a sum of Rs.3.60 crore was spent from Amalgamated Fund and then re-imbursed from the Government Fund. Through this scheme, 1,416 beneficiaries were benefitted.

- The scheme of Ex-Gratia grant was introduced in the year 1971 and it has been sanctioned to the families of those who are killed and the personnel who had disabled in war and war related activities including counter Insurgency operations aid to civil authorities from the year 2016, the Government sanctioned ex-gratia of at a cost of Rs.20 lakh to the next of kin of defence personnel who had been killed in war at a cost of Rs.15 lakh to those totally disabled /double amputee/ totally blind and Rs.10 lakh to the single amputees / one eye blind. As per G.O.(MS) No.260.Public (Military) Department, Dt.19.04.2023, the Ex-Gratia was doubled from the existing rate.

- Cash grant ranging from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.25 lakh provided to the recipients of Gallantry awardee and Distinguished Service Medals have been enhanced vide G.O.(MS) No.259.Public (Military) Department, Dt.19.04.2023, as four times from the existing rate.ranging from Rs.60,000/- to Rs.One crore.

- The scheme of Reimbursement of House Tax is granted to War widows, Widows of Ex-Servicemen who are in receipt of family pension, War disabled veterans recipients of Annual Maintenance Grant and to the Gallantry Award Winners for the house occupied by them, the actual amount paid for one year (i.e., two half years) upto a ceiling of Rs.10,000/- out of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen Personnel Benevolent Fund.

- During the Budget Announcement for the year 2024-2025 in the floor of Legislative Assembly House Tax Reimbursement Scheme was extended to all Ex-Servicemen w.e.f. 27.02.2024 as per G.O.(Ms) No.169 Public (Ex-Servicemen) Department, dated 27.02.2024 An amount of Rs.1,09,500/- was given to 87 beneficiaries.

- Providing specially designed tri-wheeler petrol scooters / Special wheel chairs to all differently abled Ex-Servicemen and their dependents as per their requirements at free of cost. Announced during Budget Announcement for the year 2024-2025 in the floor of Legislative Assembly.

- Wives/Widows and unmarried daughters of Ex-Servicemen who hold valid certificate obtained from authorised Government Institutions will be provided free sewing machine with a view to improve their livelihood. announced during Budget Announced for the year 2024-2025 in the floor of Legislative Assembly.

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Labour Welfare, Population, Employment and Training, Census, Urban and Rural Employment

Hon'ble Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development

Thiru. C.V.Ganesan

Labour Department

- 16,00,499 workers have been newly registered in the Unorganised Workers Welfare Boards and a total number of 18,46,945 registered workers of the 20 unorganised workers welfare boards were benefitted by various scheme assistances worth Rs.1,551 crore.
- Minimum wages have been revised in respect of 45 employments and minimum rates of wages have been newly fixed for 3 employments thereby benefiting workers in various industries.
- Tamil Nadu Salt Workers Welfare Board and Tamil Nadu Platform Based Gig Workers Welfare Board have been newly formed to benefit the Manual Workers engaged in Salt Production and allied activities and Platform Based Gig Workers.
- Pension to the workers registered in Unorganized Workers Welfare Board has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,200.
- Through various assistances under Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board, an amount of Rs.14.99 crore has been disbursed benefiting a total number of 26,649 workers.

- The Integrated Labour Office Complex has been opened at District Collector Master Plan Complex, Perumbakkam Village in Tiruvallur built at a cost of Rs.2.40 crore.
- In 41 Industries, rights and interest of 13,825 workers were protected through conciliation talks made by the conciliation officers.
- A total number of 7,145 industrial disputes were disposed, out of which 2,930 disputes were disposed amicably and thereby calling of strikes in various industries.
- 669 bonded labourers were rescued and a sum of Rs.1.71 crore was disbursed as immediate assistance to them. 859 children were rescued and handed over to Child Welfare Committee and parents.
- The Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947 has been amended to provide seating facility for all the employees in the premises and also for provision of health and safety facilities such as clean and safe drinking water, latrine and urinals, rest room, lunch room and first aid.

Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health

- 7,090 factories have been newly registered under the Factories Act, 1948.
- 5,019 Construction establishments have been newly registered under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act, 1996.
- 1,391 safety training classes were conducted benefiting 76,341 factory workers.
- State Fire and Industrial Safety Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and District Fire and Industrial Safety Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors have been constituted for prevention of Fire and Industrial accidents.

Department of Employment and Training (Employment Wing)

- The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.10.08 crore towards the expenses incurred by the study circles. During the last three years, 5,138 candidates were placed in Government and Public sector jobs through the coaching classes conducted by these Study Circles.
- An amount of Rs.86.57 crore has been sanctioned to 56,564 General Category Beneficiaries and Rs.36.92 crore more to 14,420 differently abled beneficiaries as unemployment assistance.
- Job fairs are periodically conducted by all District Employment and Career Guidance Centres. During the past three years, 2,03,379 Job Seekers were placed in Private Sector through these Job Fairs.
- Free Coaching Classes for various competitive Examinations are telecasted through KALVI TV channel. During the last three years, 1,228 hours of coaching classes have been telecasted.

Department of Employment and Training (Training Wing)

- New Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Neyveli with the support of M/s. NLC India Limited was inaugurated on 01.12.2021.
- Three hostel buildings at Government ITI Sivagangai, Karikudi and Pullambadi(Women) were opened on 01.12.2021 at a cost of Rs.9.6 crore.
- In the year 2023, 94.58 per cent of students in Government Industrial Training Institutes and 48.06 per cent of students in Private ITIs have been admitted.
- In the year 2023, 81 per cent of students in Government Industrial Training Institute and 62.38 per cent of students in Private ITIs have been placed through campus interview.
- District Skill Training Offices have been started in 4 Districts viz., Tenkasi, Chengalpet, Tiruvarur and Ranipet Districts in the State to monitor skill training activities at District level.

- Industry 4.0 standard trades were introduced in 71 Government ITIs in Tamil Nadu to pace with the changing technologies in collaboration with leading industries at a cost of Rs.2,877.43 crore. In 71 ITIs an additional seating capacity of 5,140 were created and students are undergoing Training.
- Old and obsolete machineries and equipments in 57 ITIs were replaced at a cost of Rs.20 crore in pace with modern technologies to provide better training facilities to the trainees of Government ITIs.
- New Government ITIs have been established in 11 places at a cost of Rs.97.55 crore with additional capacity of 1,104 seats.
- For easy understanding of subjects, Text Books in Tamil are being distributed to all Trainees at a cost of Rs.6.80 crore.

Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services (ESIS)

- 19 ESI Dispensaries were newly opened in various districts and started functioning for the welfare of 71,832 Insured Persons and their family members.
- Yoga and Naturopathy units were opened in all the 7 ESI Hospitals at Ayanavaram, Madurai, Sivakasi, Salem, Hosur, Trichy and Vellore at a cost of Rs.1.45 crore for the welfare of Insured Persons and their Family Members.

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Milk and Dairy Development

Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development

Thiru. T.Mano Thangaraj

Milk Production and Dairy Development

- ❖ The selling price of all types of Aavin milk has been reduced Rs.3 per litre for the benefit of consumers with effect from 16.05.2021.
- ❖ The sachet milk sales of Aavin has increased by three lakh litres per day.
- ❖ Reduction of milk sales price at Rs.3 per litre helped Aavin milk consumers to save Rs.270 crore per year.
- ❖ Aavin has procured a record 43.05 lakh litres of milk on 22.07.2022.
- ❖ 2.16 crore, 100 ml Aavin ghee for a value of Rs.121 crore have been supplied in the Tamil Nadu Government 2022 Pongal gift pack.
- ❖ Milk cake, Mango & strawberry flavoured yoghurt, Paayasam mix, Milk protein noodles and dairy whitener were introduced for sales.
- ❖ To fulfil the needs of consumers, a new ice-cream factory with a capacity to produce 1000 litres per day has been inaugurated at Madurai.

- Jackfruit ice cream, White chocolate, Cold coffee, Butter chiplets, Basundi, Aavin health mix, Processed cheese, Baked yoghurt, Aavin milk biscuit and Aavin Butter Murukku were introduced for sales.
- During Diwali festival in the year 2022, Aavin milk sweets were sold for record Rs.116 crore.
- In order to benefit 4 lakh milk producers in the state, the milk procurement price have been increased Rs.3 per litre of milk from 05.11.2022. The procurement price of cow milk has been increased from Rs.32 to Rs.35 and buffalo milk from Rs.41 to Rs.44.
- Aavin received second place at National level for online transactions through the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Limited (NCDFI) for a total value of Rs.590 crore.
- 58 employees were appointed in the Aavin on compassionate grounds.
- Four numbers of 2,000 litres capacity Bulk Milk Coolers and 143 numbers of 5,000 litres capacity Bulk Milk Coolers were installed at a total cost of Rs.21.75 crore.
- 866 Automatic Milk Collection Units and 350 Data Processing Milk Collection Units and 1,074 Cloud Based Milk Analysers were installed at a total cost of Rs.18.76 crore.
- The capacity of the Cattle feed plant at Erode has been increased from 150 MT per day to 300 MT per day to ensure supply of cattle feed to the producers.
- New Mineral Mixture plant with a capacity of 12 MT per day has been installed at Krishnagiri.
- Under MGNREGA, work has been initiated to construct own buildings for 50 Primary Milk Producers Cooperative Societies.
- In order to increase the sale of Aavin products, 342 new parlours have been opened.
- To avoid delay, Milk cost payment to the Milk producers is being directly credited to the Bank account of Milk Producers.
- A sum of Rs.53.45 lakhs for the employees of District unions and a sum of Rs.24.19 lakh

for the employees of TCMPF Ltd., have been paid as Production Linked Incentive.

- ❖ A sum of Rs.19.51 crore as Bonus have been given to 2.48 lakh Milk Producers, a sum of Rs.34.32 crore as Dividend and a sum of Rs.38.63 lakh as Patronage Rebate.
- ❖ To fulfil the needs of consumers, a new ice-cream factory with a capacity to produce 6,000 litres per day has been inaugurated at Salem Dairy.
- ❖ A Central Quality Control Lab have been opened in Madhavaram at a total cost of Rs.8 crore.
- ❖ New District Cooperative Milk Producers Unions have been created in Kallakurichi and Tirupattur districts.
- ❖ Work has been initiated to expand the capacity of Salem Dairy to handle 7 lakh litres per day, and to install 30 MT capacity powder plant in Salem Dairy.
- ❖ A new Dairy with a handling capacity of 50,000 litres per day is under construction in Tuticorin district.
- ❖ Green fodder production in 500 acres has been implemented by imparting training and supplying fodder seeds to the milk producers by Aavin.
- ❖ Aavin has sold a maximum of 15.22 lakh litre of milk in Chennai. Further, maximum of 16.37 lakh litre of milk was sold by the District Co-operative Milk Producers Union. During the year 2023-2024, approximately 31.37 lakh litre of milk was sold per day.
- ❖ Storage godowns of 1,500 MT capacity for cattle feed and raw materials at Erode Cattle feed plant at a total cost of Rs.2.14 crore. In order to encourage women

milk producers in Tirunelveli District, a separate hostel facility along with lab & library was established at a total cost of Rs.1.21 crore. Administrative office cum procurement input office building at Dharamapuri District Co-operative Milk Producers Union was established at a total cost of Rs.2.72 crore. Construction of 1,500 MT capacity Milk powder godown at Federation Powder Plant, Tiruvannamalai at a total cost of Rs.2.93 crore. Construction of Administrative office for Tiruppur District Co-operative Milk Producers' Limited at a total cost of Rs.3 crore.

- When compared to 2021 milk sales has increased by 23 percentage in 2024.

- Aavin Milk sachets are introduced in new design uniformly at the Metro Dairies and DCMPUs for the usage of State wide Consumers.

- Aavin is supplying quality fodder seeds for green fodder production at a discounted price.

- Arranging credit facilities through banks to milk producers for the purchase of new milch animals & work capital needs.

- Field Performance Recording Programme envisaged to produce 120 HGM bull calves, out of which 62 bull calves have been distributed to semen stations of Tamil Nadu.

- NJ&SF, Ooty has been graded as "A" by Union Government in the year 2023-2024.

- 12.85 lakh AI were provided to the animals of the milk producers by trained Village Level Workers (VLWs) at the farmers doorstep.

- To increase AI coverage, AI training has been provided to 313 members of MPCS at District Union training centres and at Skill Development Centre, Madhavaram.

- To ensure uninterrupted supply of Liquid Nitrogen to AI centres, 5 Numbers of 3,000 litres capacity Liquid Nitrogen storage silos have been provided to Namakkal, Tiruvanamalai & Tiruppur unions, NJ&SF, Ooty and BFSS, Erode under RGM.

- 1.17 lakh animals have been insured with 50% subsidy on premium through Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Agency (TNLDA) under National Livestock Mission (NLM).

- 5,000 animals of the milk producers have been covered under Oestrus Synchronization programme to enhance the breeding efficiency of milch animals.

- Bio-gas plants have been provided to 120 Women Milk Producers at Nilgiris Milk Union under Pilot project of manure Management.

- Under RGM 98 mass infertility camps, 181 orientation programmes and 47 Calf rallies have been conducted at DCMPUs to sensitize the farmers on importance of health & breeding management of milch animals.

- The training centre at Salem & Tirunelveli have been strengthened under RGM considering the training needs of women milk producers & MPCS women staff in unions. Exclusive hostel for women have been established.

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Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce

Hon'ble Minister for Industries

Dr. T.R.B.Rajaa

Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce Department

- Tamil Nadu has consistently remained a favorite destination for foreign investment and is the front runner among the industrialised states of India. It is an industrial powerhouse of the nation and has made rapid strides in the pursuit of economic development. It has the distinction of being a State with the largest number of industries with a strong manufacturing base and a large services sector and home to a competent workforce.
- Since July 2021, 241 MoUs have been signed in Conclaves with a cumulative investment commitment of Rs.2,97,196 crores and employment opportunities to 4,15,282 persons.
- The Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024 was held on January 7th and 8th at the Chennai Trade Centre which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. It is the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to elevate Tamil Nadu into a flourishing 1 Trillion USD economy by 2030. In pursuit of this, the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet was organized, aiming to further enhance the excellent investment climate prevailing in Tamil Nadu and to showcase the strong and outstanding industrial ecosystem and future-ready workforce of the State to global investors. The Meet was organized with the pivotal themes of leadership, sustainability, and inclusivity. A total of 631 MoUs across diverse sectors were signed with an unprecedented investment commitment

of Rs.6,64,180 crores and the creation of direct employment opportunities for 14,54,712 persons and total employment for 26,90,657 persons.

❖ Tamil Nadu Fintech Policy 2021, Tamil Nadu Export Development Strategy 2021, Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy 2022, Tamil Nadu Research & Development Policy 2022, Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Policy 2022 and Tamil Nadu Aerospace and Defence Industrial Policy 2022, Tamil Nadu Ethanol Blending Policy 2023, Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy & Integrated Logistics Plan 2023, Tamil Nadu City Gas Distribution Policy 2023 and an incentive scheme for Textile/Garments investments, Tamil Nadu Semiconductor and Advanced Electronics Policy 2024 Tamil Nadu Public Private Partnership Policy 2024 and "Tamil Nadu Vision $1 Trillion Economy by 2030' released by the Hon'ble chief Minister and inaugurated the Single Window Portal 2.0 and the Mobile App for the Single Window Portal 2.0.

❖ Tamil Nadu has won the State Leadership Award for the second consecutive year in the IESA (India Energy Storage Alliance) Industry Excellence Awards May 2023-State Leadership Award-Manufacturing.

❖ The State has also won the prestigious United Nations Promotions Award 2023, by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for excellence in scaling up energy transition investments at the 8th World Investment Forum held in Abu Dhabi, UAE. This has been awarded for facilitating the first solar investment project with a fully vertical integrated photovoltaic thin film solar module manufacturing facility, notably through green incentives and higher training incentives for women.

❖ Guidance has been awarded the "Best Investment Promotion Agency Award in Asia Oceania Region for Guidance at the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2022 & 2023 for the last two years.

❖ State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT) has allotted 4,647.44 acres of land to 561 industries and attracted an investment of Rs.64.252.42 crore, thereby providing direct and indirect employment opportunity for about 1,87,790 persons. During this period 9,512 acres of land have been acquired and handed over possession to SIPCOT.

❖ For creation of a Land Bank of 45,000 acres over a period of five years, SIPCOT has identified about 40,839.33 acres of land, of

which 24,929 acres are now under acquisition after issuance of Administrative sanction by Government.

❖ SIPCOT is establishing Medical Devices Park at Oragadam. MoU signed between SIPCOT and Anna University as a Technical partner. So far 39 acres of land were allotted to 20 units attracting an investment of Rs.167.02 crore generating employment to 1,157 persons.

❖ SIPCOT is establishing Industrial Park in Eraiyur. MoU signed between TN Guidance and Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park and its affiliated companies.

❖ Industrial Eco-System Fund is created at an estimated cost of Rs.500 crore. This will enable the creation of infrastructure facilities for industrial parks and businesses innovation centres, research and development activities and general facilities.

❖ SIPCOT also acts as a Nodal Agency of Government of Tamil Nadu in the sanction/ disbursement of Structured Package of Assistance to large industrial units. Under this scheme, SIPCOT has released Rs.3,993.95 crore to 51 beneficiary units.

❖ SIPCOT is establishing the International Furniture Park in Thoothukudi. 8 MoUs were exchanged with a total investment

of more than Rs.2,800 crore. SIPCOT has so far allotted 126 acres to 3 units with an investment of Rs.1,861.88 crore generating employment to 4,369 persons.

- ❖ Industrial Innovation Centres at Sriperumbudur and Hosur are established at a project cost of Rs.33.46 crore.
- ❖ SIPCOT is establishing three Food Parks at Manapparai, Theni & Tindivanam over an area of 150 acres each. All infrastructures have been created for Manapparai. Allotment order issued to one company at Manapparai Food Park and 3 companies at General Engineering Park respectively. SIPCOT has so far allotted 102.5 acres with an investment of 223.48 crores generating employment to 1,385 persons in the above three food parks.
- ❖ SIPCOT is establishing 60 MLD desalination plant to meet out the water requirement for the industries in and around Thoothukudi Industrial Park and SIPCOT also establishing 20 MLD TTRO plant at Hosur Industrial Park.
- ❖ SIPCOT has formed a Special Purpose Vehicle viz., Tamil Nadu Industrial Housing Private Limited (TNIHPL) jointly with Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation (TNIFMC) and aims to provide affordable and sustainable housing for industrial workers. Currently, TNIHPL is developing a 807-bedded working women hostel in SIPCOT Industrial Park, Siruseri. Further, SIPCOT and its SPV are establishing dedicated dormitory facilities at the following Industrial Parks:

Sl. No	Industrial Park	Estimated cost (Ra. in crore)	No.of hedi
1.	Perundarai (Women)	7.91	222
2.	Thoothukudi (Women)	6.92	252
3.	Shoolagiri (Men and Woinen)	56.72	1495
4.	Irungamukenar (Men)	30.76	801
5.	Claryyar (Men)	15.77	441
6.	Gangaikondan	39.90	870

Earlier, SIPCOT has constructed three hostels (i) Irungattukottai for women (330 persons), (ii) Sriperumbudur for men (400 persons) and (iii) Sriperumbudur for women (600 persons), which are currently operational.

- ❖ SIPCOT is constructing Integrated Dormitory Facility at Vallam Vadagal at the project cost of Rs.706.50 crore for boarding of 18,720 workers working in Foxconn and other companies in SIPCOT Industrial Parks.

- SIPCOT envisages to establish a Mega Footwear & Accessories Cluster in an extent of 348 acres (including an SEZ area of 201 acres) at SIPCOT industrial park, Panapakkam.
- Tamil Nadu has been selected for the development of PM MITRA Park at E.Kumaralingapuram, Virudunagar District. MoU was exchanged between Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu for the development of the India's first PM MITRA Park at Virudhunagar, out of the 7 selected PM MITRA Parks across the country. SIPCOT has earmarked 1,052 acres land for the park, which will be established as a joint venture of the Union and State Government at an estimated total project cost of Rs.2,000 crore including the grant of Rs.500 crore from Government of India. This park will generate around 2 lakh employment opportunities. This Park will boost the economic growth of the Southern Districts,
- SIPCOT is establishing Future Mobility Park over an extent of 300 acres at an estimated cost of Rs.210 crore at Shoolagiri, Krishnagiri District. So far, 45.50 acres were allotted to 7 industrial units.
- SIPCOT is establishing Electronic Manufacturing Cluster at Pillaipakkam (379 acres) and Manallur (474 acres). The Electronic Manufacturing Cluster Parks 09 will be established under EMC 2.0 scheme of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), Government of India grant of Rs.328.35 crore fot Manallur and Rs.220.78 crore for Pillaipakkam.
- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) establishing Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu Village, Tiruvallur District. MoU was signed on 12.10.2021 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister between National Highways Logistics Management Limited, Chennai Port Trust & Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited at an Investment of Rs.1,424 crore. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had laid the foundation stone on 26.05.2022 for this project in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,
- Defence Public Sector undertakings (DPSUs) and Private industries have committed investments of upto Rs.24,878 crore in Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor (TNDIC), Rs.4,344 crore have been invested in this corridor upto 31.05.2024. The corridor will generate direct employment opportunities to 10,000 persons and indirect employment opportunities to 25,000 persons in five years.
- Tamil Nadu Government has released the revised Aerospace & Defence Industrial Policy 2022 to attract investments to the tune of Rs.75,000 crore and creating direct & indirect employment prospects for nearly 1 lakh persons in Aerospace & Defence sector over a period of 10 years. The main focus of this policy is to make Tamil Nadu, an emerging Aerospace & Defence Start-up hub.
- Tamil Nadu Government has established three Center of Excellence (CoE) i.e., Tamil Nadu Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM). Tamil Nadu Smart and Advanced Manufacturing Centre (TANSAM) and Tamil Nadu Advanced Manufacturing Centre of Excellence (TAMCOE) in collaboration with industry majors Dassault Systems, Siemens and GE Aviation respectively. These CoEs provide the access of state of the art world class facilities in advanced manufacturing technologies such as Additive Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, 3D Design & Printing, Virtual & Augmented Reality and Robotics etc., to the MSMEs which will help them to adapt to the advanced manufacturing technologies.
- TIDCO has proposed to develop a Fintech City in 110 acres of land in Nandambakkam Village, Alandur Taluk, Chennai District at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had laid the Foundation Stone for the commencement of basic infrastructure development works in 56 acres of land in Phase-1 at a cost of Rs.82.87 crore (Package-1) on 17.06.2023. This project will provide developed plots with required infrastructure to both domestic

and overseas financial and fintech institutions to establish their office spaces.

❖ TIDCO is establishing a Fintech Tower, a high-rise building with a built-up area of 5.6 lakh sq.ft. at an estimated cost of Rs.234 crore as a part of the Fintech City for providing office spaces to the Financial and Fintech institutions to establish their operations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had laid the Foundation Stone for the commencement of the civil works of Fintech Tower at a cost of Rs.154.55 crore (Package-1) on 17.06.2023.

❖ In order to expand the IT ecosystem in Tamil Nadu, TIDEL Park Ltd is developing mini TIDEL Parks in Villupuram, Tiruppur, Vellore, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Salem and Karaikudi. Further, the TIDEL, Park Limited is also establishing TIDEL Parks, in Madurai and Tiruchirappalli. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated Villupuram Mini TIDEL Park on 17.02.2024.

❖ Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) is implementing New Entrepreneurs cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) of the State Government for assisting educated youth to become first generation entrepreneurs. 312 units were sanctioned loan to the tune of Rs.266.04 crore under this scheme.

❖ Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) established Mill Expansion Plan Unit-11 for Pulpwood production. The Hardwood plant and Recovery plant have been commissioned and Hardwood pulp production commenced.

❖ Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM) installed a new state-of- the art 10 lakh MT per annum cement plant at Ariyalur thereby the production capacity of TANCEM has increased to 17 lakh MT per annum. The operation of the new plant has been stabilized and 28.69 lakh MT of clinker has been produced in the new plant.

❖ The Alangulam Cement Unit has earned a net profit of Rs.37.47 crore which is the highest profit earned in any financial year since inception.

❖ TANCEM introduced a new brand "Valimai" to sell the cement produced from the new plant at an affordable price which is comparatively lesser than the price of cement being sold by private cement manufacturers. So far 22,18,357 MT of Valimai cement has been sold.

❖ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited (TNSC) developed salt works in 500 acres as the 1" phase in Thiruporur area in Chengalpattu District for salt production.

❖ TNSC launched the open market sale of Crystal Iodised Salt and Refined Free Flow Iodised salt in the new brand name "Neithal Salt".

❖ The Honorable Chief Minister launched the scheme of providing relief assistance of Rs.5,000/- to Salt workers during the rainy season. Relief assistance of Rs.10.64 crore has been disbursed to 21,282 salt workers families.

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Forests

Hon’ble Minister for Forests
Dr. M.Mathiventhan

Forest Department

Wildlife Conservation

- Tamil Nadu has ushered in a new era of conservation through a far-reaching vision. Government of Tamil Nadu in the last three years of the Government has emerged as a leader in wildlife conservation through its far sighted vision and visionary policies.
- Government has notified, Tamil Nadu’s 5th Elephant Reserve viz., Agasthiyamalai Elephant Reserve in August 2022. This new Elephant Reserve has been notified after a gap of 20 years. This will ensure conservation of asian elephants in the region.
- Government of Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in elephant conservation. Two elephant camps at Kozhikamuti and Theppakadu are one of the oldest and well maintained centres in India. Under the leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister these camps are being upgraded at a cost of Rs.13 crore.

- Mahouts and Cavadis are the backbone of Tamil Nadu's elephant conservation programmes. They dedicate their entire life towards care of elephants. Government of Tamil Nadu is constructing culturally compatible houses for the 91 Mahouts and Cavadis at a cost of Rs.9.1 crore.

- Tamil Nadu is home to one of the largest populations of Asian elephants in the country. To ensure that precious elephant lives are not lost due to electrocution, the Government has taken path breaking efforts to provide a framework for control of illegal electric/solar fences by notifying Tamil Nadu Electric Fences Rules, 2022 becoming the only State in India to have done so.

- The first ever elephant death audit framework has been implemented by the Department to document every elephant death in a transparent and credible manner. The data of such audits are being put out in the public domain through the Department's website. This has ensured highest level of transparency and credibility in detailing the reasons for elephant deaths.

- India's first Artificial Intelligence enabled automatic alert system has been implemented by the Department to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks due to accidental collusion with trains. The project has been implemented at Madukkarai at a cost of Rs.7.24 crore.

- Thanks to the conservation efforts taken by the Government, the elephant census conducted in the year 2022 has indicated an increase in elephant numbers from 2,761 in the year 2017 to 2,961 in 2022 depicting success of the Government's conservation efforts.

Tamil Nadu Conservation Initiatives

Kaluvezhi Bird Sanctuary

- Government of Tamil Nadu has notified 5151.6 Hectares of Kaluvezhi swamp in vanur and Marakkanam Taluk in Viluppuram District as 16th Bird Sanctuary.

Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary

- Government of Tamil Nadu has notified 125.86 Hectares of Nanjarayan Tank in Tiruppur District as 17th Bird Sanctuary.

Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary, Kadavur

- Slender lorises, which are small nocturnal mammals are arboreal in nature as they spend most of their life on trees. The species acts as a biological predator of pests in agricultural crops and benefits farmers. These animals are highly endangered.

- Government of Tamil Nadu has notified India's first Slender Loris sanctuary at Kadavur covering 11,806 hectares in Karur and Dindigul Districts.

Conservation of Olive Ridleys

- Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation Centres are being setup at Chennai to boost

the turtle conservation efforts at a cost of Rs.6.30 crore. This Centre shall be set up with State-of-the-Art facility for promoting conservation efforts alongside promoting research, data collection and creating awareness among other activities.

Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary

- Government of Tamil Nadu has notified 68,640 hectares of reserve forest areas in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri Districts as the new “Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary”. It is home to 35 species of mammals, 238 species of birds, Leith’s soft-shelled turtles, smooth coated otters, marsh crocodile and four horned antelopes, and is a wildlife paradise.

Declaration of 15 New Ramsar Sites

Tamil Nadu has the highest number of sites with Ramsar Status in the country.

- Point Calimere Bird Sanctuary
- Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary
- Vembannur Wetland
- Suchuindram – Theroor wetland complex
- Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary
- Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary
- Vellode Bird Sanctuary
- Pallikaranai Marsh
- Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve
- Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary
- Pichavaram Mangrove
- Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary
- Karikili Bird Sanctuary
- Koonthankuklam Bird Sanctuary
- Karaivetti Birds Sanctuary
- Longwood Shola

Dugong Conservation Reserve

- Government of Tamil Nadu has notified the India’s first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay covering the coastal waters of

Thanjavur and Pudukottai Districts with an area of 448 square kilometers.

- There are only about 240 Dugongs estimated to be present in the country and the majority is found in Tamil Nadu coast (Palk Bay). Hence, there is an imminent need to protect Dugongs and their habitat from degradation.

Tamil Nadu's Efforts To Save Vultures

- Vultures are critically endangered. Out of 9 species of Vultures recorded in India, 4 Species Viz Oriental White-Backed Vulture, Long-Billed Vulture, Red headed vulture and Egyptian Vulture are found in Tamil Nadu. Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted a State Level Committee for Vulture conservation with the objective to revive their population.

Project the Nilgiri Tahr

- The Nilgiri Tahr is the State Animal of Tamil Nadu. Due to Habitat loss and severe biotic pressure, this beautiful ungulate is critically endangered. Government of Tamil Nadu is setting up India's first "Project The Nilgiri Tahr" with the aim to revive grasslands, remove invasive species to protect its habitat.

Queens Commonwealth Canopy Accreditation For Longwood Shola

- The Long Wood Shola Forest in Kotagiri of the Nilgiris District has been granted the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) accreditation. This International recognition will help the pristine forest to collaborate with forest projects across the globe. The Longwood Shola Forest was once overrun by invasive species and human intrusion.
- Thanks to the sustained efforts by the forest Department, with help from locals, the place has been reclaimed and it is now well-protected.
- To strengthen, rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals Government has provided 35 specially customised rescue vehicles to field

staffs. Five Sniffer dog units have been set up to strengthen the hands of the Department in collecting crime intelligence for protection of wildlife.

- India's first Marine Elite Force has been operationalised at Ramanathapuram to prevent smuggling of corals and other marine resources. A comprehensive well-designed rescue and rehabilitation centre for wildlife is being set up at Pethikuttai in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.19.50 crore. This centre will be equipped with the State-of-the-Art equipments, tools and well-trained manpower to provide the best care and rehabilitation to injured wild animals.

- To mitigate human wildlife conflict and to provide relief to those adversely impacted, Government has created a first of its kind corpus of Rs.10 crore. 902 number of people have been provided compensation and an amount of Rs.14.43 crore has been spent on the same towards Loss of Life major and minor injuries. Government has also enhanced compensation for loss of life/permanent injury from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.

- Government have issued orders for implementation of the scheme Restoration of Degraded Forest Landscape of Tamil Nadu Phase -I project with financial assistance from NABARD at a cost of Rs.481.148 crore for implementation of the scheme from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

- Arignar Anna Zoological Park was declared as Number one Zoo in Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Central Zoo Authority by securing 82% under large zoo category among the 147 large zoos present in the country.

- "Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau" setup for detecting and prevention of forest and wildlife crimes with four Zonal offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Ramanathapuram with Chennai as Headquarters.

- An area of 193.215 hectares in Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram village in Madurai District were notified as the first Bio-diversity Heritage Site (BHS) of Tamil Nadu.

- Government has issued administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.300 crore for setting up a Botanical Garden at Kadambur Village Chengalpattu District in an area of 137.65.0 hectare and released an amount of Rs.1 crore towards preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) as Phase 1 of the project.

- Government has issued orders for implementation of Modernization of Forest Force for the year 2022-2025 at a cost of Rs.52.83 crore.

- Government has issued orders for compensation for an amount of Rs.25 lakh as ex-gratia payment to the kin of the Forest Department employees (Anti-

poaching watchers/Forest Watcher/Forest Guards/Foresters/Forest Range Officers who deceased while controlling forest fire under Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund (CMPRF).

- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve received the International TX2 award for doubling the tiger population.
- Policy on Invasive Removal & Restoration released by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu on 16.11.2022 during State Board for Wildlife meeting.
- Government has issued orders for implementation of Tamil Nadu Bio-diversity Conservation and Greening Project for Climate Change Response (TBGPCCR) at a cost of Rs.920.52 crore from 2022-2023to 2029-2030.
- Government has issued orders for establishment of Bio-diversity Museum and Conservation Centre with Eco Park at Kakachi, Ambasamudram Range, Singampatti RF of Kalakkadu Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve at a cost of Rs.7 crore.
- Government has issued administrative orders for establishment of 100 Village Green Parks called Maragadha Poonjolai at a cost Rs.25 crore in100 villages across Tamil Nadu and released an amount of Rs.19.77 crore for establishment of 83 Village Parks.
- "The Elephant Whisperers", a documentary film based on the rearing of orphaned Elephant calves at Theppakkadu Elephant Camp won Oscar award under Documentary short film category. Through this documentary, work of Tamil Nadu Forest Department's initiatives for conservation and captive management of elephants got global attention.

Tamilnadu Forest Plantation Corporation Ltd., (Tafcorn)

Initiative For Tribal Development:

- With objective of improving the livelihood and living condition of Tribals, during 2022-2023, ten units were excluded from e-auction and directly allotted to Irular Tribal Society at fair price of Rs.80.55 lakh.
- For the year 2023-2024, 15 cashew units were excluded from the e-auction for allotment to Irular Tribal Societies.

Green Tamil Nadu Mission

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to increase the Forest and tree cover in Tamil Nadu from 23.6% to 33% by 2030-2031 under the "Green Tamil Nadu Mission".
- As per the Government order, a total of Rs.10.90 crore for the year 2022-2023 and Rs.15 crore for the year 2023-2024 has been released to the Green Tamil Nadu Mission for undertaking planting activities.

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Adi Dravidar Welfare, Hill Tribes and Bonded Labour Welfare

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare

Tmt.N.Kayalvizhi Selvaraj

Social Development

- The Government has established the new body viz., "Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission" with autonomous powers.
- The amount of compensation paid to the victims of atrocities between Rs.85,000 and Rs.8.25 lakh has been increased to a minimum of Rs.One lakh and a maximum of Rs.12 lakh.
- Orders have been issued for clubbing of seven communities namely, Kudumban, Pallan, Devendirakulathan, Kadaiyan, Pannadi, Kalaadi and Vathiriyan under the name "Devendirakula Velalar".
- Samabandhi Bhojanam, has been renamed as "Samabandhi Virundhu".
- An award of Rs.10 lakh each is provided to model villages for improving the infrastructure where caste free burial grounds are in practise.
- The award given to the writers selected through Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Literature Society has been enhanced from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1,00,000.
- Awareness camps on "we will see equality" are conducted for police and revenue officials, to approach victims of atrocities.

- Ethnographic Research has been conducted in respect of 6 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal for audio and video documentation to protect their culture at a total cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned to revive the Tamil Nadu Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board.
- Orders have been issued to establish a Center for Social Justice and Equity in the Madras School of Social Work with a grant of Rs.2 crore.

Educational Development

- Higher education guidance program for 12th standard students of 2023-2024 was held in April and May. 13,000 students participated. In this event, lectures on higher education and scholarship, pamphlet, arts, science and other technical disciplines were taught.

Increase in the pass rate of school students

- The pass percentage of Adi Dravidar school students in 10th Standard and 12th Standard stood at 85.40% and 91.15% respectively, which is 1.4 % and 3.15 % higher than the previous year.
- The pass percentage of Tribal Welfare school students in 10th and 12th standard stood at 92.45 % and 95.15 % respectively, which is 1.5 % and 0.3 % higher than the previous year.
- To enhance opportunities for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to pursue higher education, the scheme for scholarship to study abroad has been revamped. The parental income ceiling has also been increased from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.8 lakh.
- The scheme for incentive to full time Ph.D scholars has been restructured by enhancing the amount of incentive provided from Rs.50,000 to Rs. One lakh per annum.
- The maintenance allowance provided to the students under State Government Special Post Matric scholarship has been enhanced on par with the allowance provided by the Union Government.
- Construction of 480 new classrooms and 15 science laboratories in 150 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
- Construction of 65 classrooms and compound walls in 39 Government tribal Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.21.09 crore.
- Construction of New buildings to Government PG girls hostel, Vellore, Government College boys hostel Dindivanam, Viluppuram district and Government College boys hostel at a cost of Rs.10.75 crore.
- Construction of compound walls to 13 Adi Dravidar Schools at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- Construction of toilet blocks to 31 Government Tribal Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.4.50 crore.
- Construction of 19 hostels in Madurai, Nagapattinam, Sivagangai, Trichirappalli, Dharmapuri, Karur, The Nilgiris, Krishnagiri, Ramanathapuram and Thanjavur districts at a cost of Rs.20 crore.
- Construction of 10 Adi dravidar Welfare School hostels at a cost of Rs.45.45 crore.
- Construction of new 5 Adi Dravidar Welfare College hostels at a cost of Rs.28.35 crore.
- Construction of compound walls to 83 Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls hostels at a cost of Rs.10.58 crore.
- Construction of Kitchens with store room to 88 Government Tribal Residential Schools in 7 districts at a cost of Rs.9.24 crore.
- Construction of toilets and bathrooms to Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and hostels at a cost of Rs.5.70 crore.
- Construction of a ten - storeyed hostel building in one lakh square feet with modern amenities in MC Raja hostel complex at a cost of Rs.45 crore.

- Construction of 4 Model boys hostels at a cost of Rs.28 crore.
- Construction of 4 modern hostels at a cost of Rs.100 crore for the benefit of the students in Madurai, Coimbatore, The Nilgiris and Trichirappalli districts.
- Feeding charges have been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,400 to the students of Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare school hostels and Government Tribal residential Schools. For College students, the amount has been enhanced from Rs.1,100 to Rs.1,500.
- Special Feeding charges given to the Adi Dravidar hostel students during the festival days has been doubled for schools and college students.
- The monthly miscellaneous expenditure allowance provided to hostel students has been doubled.
- 3 new College Girls hostels in Virudhachalam, Kallakurichi and Nagapattinam district at a cost of Rs.2 crore have been opened.
- Mixer grinders have been provided to 512 hostels at a cost of Rs.46 lakh.
- Inverters have been provided to the computer labs in 51 Adi Dravidar welfare Higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.87 lakh.
- In order to improve the educational standard in Adi Dravidar welfare and Government Tribal Residential Schools training on smart skills and Computers are provided by the School Education department.
- Orders have been issued to set up Smart classrooms and to create adequate infrastructure for Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools and Government Tribal Residential Schools.
- Orders have been issued to upgrade 6 Adi Dravidar and Government Tribal Residential schools into Model schools at a cost of Rs.16.26 crore.
- Furnitures were provided to 305 Government Tribal Residential schools at a cost of Rs.7.46 crore.
- CCTV cameras have been installed in 90 College girls hostels at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- Colour Televisions were provided to 22 hostels at a cost of Rs.15 Lakh.
- Test equipments have been provided to the Science Laboratories in 126 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.3.15 crore.
- 25 conventional libraries and 25 e-libraries have been installed at a cost of Rs.70 lakh.
- Orders have been issued granting Special Time Scale of pay to 98 health care workers

who have completed minimum 3 years of service.

- ❖ Two centralized kitchens have been set up at a cost of Rs.3.73 crore, one each at Saidapet M.C.Raja College Hostel campus and Vepperi College Hostel campus.
- ❖ Music, Technology, Drama, Photography and Fine arts Forum, Reading and Debating Forum, Environmental Forum and Chess and other Sports Forums were formed in 1,331 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels.
- ❖ An Amount of Rs.7.50 crore was sanctioned for minor maintenance, repairs and unforeseen medical expenses of the students in the hostels.
- ❖ Internship assistance of Rs.10,000 is provided to final year law students in Government Law Colleges.
- ❖ Orders for special maintenance works and surveillance camera, biometric attendance registration facilities in the hostels at a cost of Rs.25 crore.
- ❖ Special training is provided at a cost of Rs.One crore to classes 10 and 12 students studying in hostels.
- ❖ A learning and teaching room with modern facilities were set up in the college hostels at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

Economic Development

- ❖ 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers were provided with 90 percent subsidy at a cost of Rs.46.65 crore to get electricity connection under the Fast Track Power Supply scheme.
- ❖ Grant of Rs.15,000 each to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers for the purchase of PVC pipes for water irrigation at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- ❖ Grant of Rs.10,000 each to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers for the purchase of Electric Motor for water irrigation at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- ❖ Training in the fields of Horticulture, Agro forestry, Nursery plants and maintenance and repairs of agro machineries is imparted to 7,500 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare farmers at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore.
- ❖ Entrepreneur Management training to 5,000 entrepreneurs belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes is imparted at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- ❖ Subsidy of Rs.50,000 has been given to 100 trained traditional tribal healers for starting their profession.
- ❖ Total Station equipments have been provided to divisional offices of TAHDCO Executive engineers at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- ❖ The Annual Income Ceiling limit for the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneur Development Scheme has been enhanced to Rs.3 lakh.
- ❖ A Project Bank at a cost of Rs.One crore for the benefit of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs by conducting Techno Economic survey was set up.
- ❖ Training to 10,000 Under Graduate and Post Graduate Adi dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to face employment / competitive examinations at a cost of Rs.10 crore and production of value added commodities to 2,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Women Self Help Groups at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore was given.
- ❖ Training was imparted to 500 students of Adi Dravidar Welfare college hostels and 100 Adi Dravidar Youth in the fields of Financial Management, Insurance and Banking at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- ❖ Grant of Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned to 200 landless Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farm workers to purchase land.
- ❖ Grant of Rs.2.25 crore has been sanctioned to 500 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes for the purchase of milch animals under

Entrepreneur Development Scheme at a total cost of Rs.7.50 crore.

- Grant of Rs.98 lakh has been sanctioned to 100 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs to become sales agents of Tamil Nadu Cement Corporation and to set up cement sales depots at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
- Grant of Rs.45 lakh has been sanctioned to 50 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs to set up Aavin Milk parlour at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.
- Orders have been issued to set up 40 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Women Milk producer's co-operative societies at a cost of Rs.40 lakh and to provide seed clusters to raise fodder grass and lawns to 1,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers at a cost of Rs.One crore.
- Grant of Rs.90 lakh to set up Sanitary marts through 13 Mahatma Gandhi Workers contract and Skill Development Co-operative societies at a cost of Rs.1.96 crore.
- In order to enhance the livelihood of women and undertake basic income-generating activities for development, the grant amount from TAHDCO has been increased from Rs.2.50 lakh to Rs.6 lakh.
- Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned for the livelihood of Scheduled Tribes by implementing income generating schemes to undertake revenue generating projects.
- Orders have been issued to modernise Adi Dravidar Women Milk producer's Co-operative societies at a cost of Rs.1.25 crore.
- The economic development programmes currently being implemented by TAHDCO have been consolidated and implemented under the name CM ARISE - Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio Economic Development Scheme.

Infrastructure Development

- 443 houses were constructed for the Irula Scheduled Tribes in Kancheepuram district at a cost of Rs.19.38 crore.
- Infrastructure improvement in Adi Dravidar Welfare habitation have been carried out at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
- Orders have been issued to construct 20 community halls in 17 districts at a cost of Rs.24 crore.
- Orders have been issued to improve basic infrastructure facilities in Scheduled Tribe habitations in 11 districts at a cost of Rs.17 crore.
- Orders have been issued to construct 1,094 new houses for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) such as Irular at a cost of Rs.50 crore.
- 1,000 homeless sanitary workers have been given subsidy to purchase houses constructed by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.
- Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned to establish Long Range Wireless Internet Connectivity in hilly areas inhabited by Scheduled tribes in Tirupathur and Erode districts.
- Iyothee Thass Pandithar habitations development scheme is introduced to Provide basic infrastructure facilities in Rural as well as Urban SC Habitation at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore over the next five years.
- Working women hostels have been handed over to Tamil Nadu working women Hostel Corporation to develop at a cost of Rs.1.07 crore.
- Construction of 1,500 houses for the homeless tribes at a cost of Rs.45 crore.

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